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CHAP. I.

The creation of heaven and earth, &c.

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkneſs was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God ſaid, Let there be light; and there was light.

4 And God ſaw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkneſs.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkneſs he called Night: and the evening and the morning were the firſt day.

6 ¶ And God ſaid, Let there be a firmament in the midſt of the waters: and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was ſo.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven: and the evening and the morning were the ſecond day.

9 ¶ And God ſaid, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was ſo.

10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God ſaw that it was good.

11 And God ſaid, Let the earth bring forth graſs, the herb yielding ſeed, and the fruit-tree yielding fruit after his kind, whoſe ſeed is in itſelf, upon the earth: and it was ſo.

12 And the earth brought forth graſs, and herb yielding ſeed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whoſe ſeed was in itſelf, after his kind: and God ſaw that it was good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 ¶ And God ſaid, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night: and let them be for ſigns, and for ſeaſons, and for days, and years.

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth: and it was ſo.

16 And God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the leſſer light to rule the night: he made the ſtars alſo.

17 And God ſet them in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day, and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkneſs: and God ſaw that it was good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 ¶ And God ſaid, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God ſaw that it was good.

22 And God bleſſed them, ſaying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the ſeas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 ¶ And God ſaid, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beaſt of the earth after his kind: and it was ſo.

25 And God made the beaſt of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God ſaw that it was good.

26 ¶ And God ſaid, Let us make man in our image, after our likeneſs: and let them have dominion over the fiſh of the ſea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them.

28 And God bleſſed them, and God ſaid unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and repleniſh the earth, and ſubdue it: and have dominion over the fiſh of the ſea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 ¶ And God ſaid, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing ſeed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and

every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding ſeed: to you it ſhall be for meat.

30 And to every beaſt of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was ſo.

31 And God ſaw every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the ſixth day.

CHAP. II.

The firſt ſabbath, &c.

THUS the heavens and the earth were finiſhed, and all the hoſt of them.

2 And on the ſeventh day God ended his work which he had made: and he reſted on the ſeventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God bleſſed the ſeventh day, and ſanctified it; becauſe that in it he had reſted from all his work, which God created and made.

4 ¶ Theſe are the generations of the heavens, and of the earth, when they were created; in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens,

5 And every plant of the field, before it was in the earth; and every herb of the field, before it grew: for the Lord God had not cauſed it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

6 But there went up a miſt from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And the Lord God formed man of the duſt of the ground, and breathed into his noſtrils the breath of life: and man became a living ſoul.

8 ¶ And the Lord God planted a garden eaſt-ward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleaſant to the ſight, and good for food: the tree of life alſo in the midſt of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

11 The name of the firſt is Piſon: that is it which compaſſeth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

12 And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium, and the onyx-ſtone.

13 And the name of the ſecond river is Gihon: the ſame is it that compaſſeth the whole land of Ethiopia.

14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the eaſt of Aſſyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden, to dreſs it, and to keep it.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, ſaying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayeſt freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou ſhalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eateſt thereof, thou ſhalt ſurely die.

18 ¶ And the Lord God ſaid, It is not good that the man ſhould be

alone: I will make him an help meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beaſt of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam, to ſee what he would call them: and whatſoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beaſt of the field: but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

21 And the Lord God cauſed a deep ſleep to fall upon Adam, and he ſlept: and he took one of his ribs, and cloſed up the fleſh inſtead thereof.

22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam ſaid, This is now bone of my bones, and fleſh of my fleſh: ſhe ſhall be called Woman, becauſe ſhe was taken out of man.

24 Therefore ſhall a man leave his father and his mother, and ſhall cleave unto his wife: and they ſhall be one fleſh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not aſhamed.

CHAP. III.

The ſerpent deceiveth Eve, &c.

NOW the ſerpent was more ſubtil than any beaſt of the field, which the Lord God had made: and he ſaid unto the woman, Yea, hath God ſaid, Ye ſhall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman ſaid unto the ſerpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midſt of the garden, God hath ſaid, Ye ſhall not eat of it, neither ſhall ye touch it, leſt ye die.

4 And the ſerpent ſaid unto the woman, Ye ſhall not ſurely die.

5 For God doth know, that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes ſhall be opened: and ye ſhall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman ſaw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleaſant to the eyes, and a tree to be deſired to make one wiſe: ſhe took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave alſo unto her huſband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked: and they ſewed fig leaves together, and made themſelves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themſelves from the preſence of the Lord God, amongſt the trees of the garden.

9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and ſaid unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he ſaid, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, becauſe I was naked; and I hid myſelf.

11 And he ſaid, Who told thee that thou waſt naked? haſt thou eaten of the

tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou ſhouldeſt not eat?

12 And the man ſaid, The woman whom thou gaveſt to be with me, ſhe gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the Lord God ſaid unto the woman, What is this that thou haſt done? And the woman ſaid, The ſerpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14 And the Lord God ſaid unto the ſerpent, Becauſe thou haſt done this, thou art curſed above all cattle, and above every beaſt of the field: upon thy belly ſhalt thou go, and duſt ſhalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 ¶ And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy ſeed and her ſeed: it ſhall bruiſe thy head, and thou ſhalt bruiſe his heel.

16 ¶ Unto the woman he ſaid, I will greatly multiply thy ſorrow and thy conception: in ſorrow thou ſhalt bring forth children; and thy deſire ſhall be to thy huſband, and he ſhall rule over thee.

17 And unto Adam he ſaid, Becauſe thou haſt hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and haſt eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee, ſaying, Thou ſhalt not eat of it; curſed is the ground for thy ſake; in ſorrow ſhalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.

18 Thorns alſo and thiſtles ſhall it bring forth to thee: and thou ſhalt eat the herb of the field.

19 In the ſweat of thy face ſhalt thou eat bread till thou return unto the ground; for out of it waſt thou taken: for duſt thou art, and unto duſt ſhalt thou return.

20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; becauſe ſhe was the mother of all living.

21 Unto Adam alſo and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of ſkins, and clothed them.

22 ¶ And the Lord God ſaid, Behold the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now leſt he put forth his hand, and take alſo of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever;

23 Therefore the Lord God ſent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man: and he placed at the eaſt of the garden of Eden, Cherubims, and a flaming ſword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

CHAP. IV.

The birth of Cain and Abel, &c.

AND Adam knew Eve his wife: and ſhe conceived, and bare Cain, and ſaid, I have gotten a man from the Lord.

2 And ſhe again bare his brother Abel: and Abel was a keeper of ſheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in proceſs of time it came to paſs that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.

4 And Abel, he alſo brought of the firſtlings of his flock, and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had reſpect unto Abel, and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain, and to his offering, he had not reſpect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the Lord ſaid unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doeſt well, ſhalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doeſt not well, ſin lieth at the door: and unto thee ſhall be his deſire, and thou ſhalt rule over him.

8 ¶ And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to paſs when they were in the field; that Cain roſe up againſt Abel his brother, and ſlew him.

9 And the Lord ſaid unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? and he ſaid, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

10 And he ſaid, What haſt thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

11 ¶ And now art thou curſed from the earth which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

12 When thou tilleſt the ground, it ſhall not henceforth yield unto thee her ſtrength; a fugitive and a vagabond ſhalt thou be in the earth.

13 And Cain ſaid unto the Lord, My puniſhment is greater than I can bear.

14 Behold, thou haſt driven me out this day from the face of the earth: and from thy face ſhall I be hid; and I ſhall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth: and it ſhall come to paſs, that every one that findeth me ſhall ſlay me.

15 And the Lord ſaid unto him, Therefore whoſoever ſlayeth Cain, vengeance ſhall be taken on him ſeven-fold. And the Lord ſet a mark upon Cain, leſt any finding him ſhould kill him.

16 And Cain went out from the preſence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the eaſt of Eden.

17 And Cain knew his wife, and ſhe conceived and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his ſon, Enoch.

18 And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methuſael: and Methuſael begat Lamech.

19 ¶ And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

20 And Adah bear Jabal: he was the father of ſuch as dwell in tents, and of ſuch as have cattle.

21 And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all ſuch as handle the harp and organ.

22 And Zillah, ſhe alſo bare Tubal-cain, an inſtructer of every artificer in braſs and iron: and the ſiſter of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

23 And Lamech ſaid unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my ſpeech: for I have ſlain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt.

24 If Cain ſhall be avenged ſeven-fold, truly Lamech ſeventy and ſeven fold.

25 And Adam knew his wife again; and ſhe bare a ſon, and called his name Seth: For God, ſaid ſhe, hath appointed me another ſeed inſtead of Abel, whom Cain ſlew

26 And to Seth, to him alſo there was born a ſon; and he called his name

Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the Lord.

CHAP. V.

The genealogy, age, and death, of the patriarchs, from Adam unto Noah, &c.

THIS is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeneſs of God made he him;

2 Male and female created he them; and bleſſed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a ſon in his own likeneſs, after his image; and called his name Seth:

4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat ſons and daughters:

5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

6 And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos:

7 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and ſeven years, and begat ſons and daughters:

8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

9 And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan:

10 And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat ſons and daughters.

11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

12 And Cainan lived ſeventy years, and begat Mahalaleel:

13 And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat ſons and daughters:

14 And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

15 And Mahalaleel lived ſixty and five years, and begat Jared:

16 And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat ſons and daughters:

17 And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

18 And Jared lived an hundred ſixty and two years, and he begat Enoch:

19 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat ſons and daughters.

20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred ſixty and two years: and he died.

21 And Enoch lived ſixty and five years, and begat Methuſelah:

22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuſelah three hundred years, and begat ſons and daughters:

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred ſixty and five years:

24 ¶ And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

25 And Methuſelah lived an hundred eighty and ſeven years, and begat Lamech:

26 And Methuſelah lived after he begat Lamech ſeven hundred eighty and two years, and begat ſons and daughters:

27 And all the days of Methuſelah were nine hundred ſixty and nine years: and he died.

28 And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a ſon:

29 And he called his name Noah, ſaying, This ſame ſhall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, becauſe of the ground which the Lord hath curſed:

30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat ſons and daughters:

31 And all the days of Lamech were ſeven hundred ſeventy and ſeven years: and he died.

32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

CHAP. VI.

The wickedneſs of the world cauſeth the flood, &c.

AND it came to paſs when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

2 That the ſons of God ſaw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they choſe.

3 And the Lord ſaid, My Spirit ſhall not always ſtrive with man; for that he alſo is fleſh: yet his days ſhall be an hundred and twenty years.

4 There were giants in the earth in thoſe days: and alſo after that, when the ſons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them; the ſame became mighty men, which were of old, men of renown.

5 And God ſaw that the wickedneſs of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the Lord ſaid, I will deſtroy man, whom I have created, from the face of the earth; both man and beaſt, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 ¶ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

9 Theſe are the generations of Noah: Noah was a juſt man, and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

10 And Noah begat three ſons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 The earth alſo was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt: for all fleſh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13 And God ſaid unto Noah, The end of all fleſh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will deſtroy them with the earth.

14 ¶ Make thee an ark of gopher-wood: rooms ſhalt thou make in the ark, and ſhalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

15 And this is the faſhion which thou ſhalt make it of; The length of the ark ſhall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

16 A window ſhalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit ſhalt thou finiſh it above; and the door of the ark ſhalt thou ſet in the ſide thereof: with lower, ſecond, and third ſtories ſhalt thou make it.

17 And behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth to deſtroy all fleſh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven, and every thing that is in the earth ſhall die.

18 But with thee will I eſtabliſh my covenant: and thou ſhalt come into the ark; thou, and thy ſons, and thy wife, and thy ſons wives with thee.

19 And of every living thing of all fleſh, two of every ſort ſhalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee: they ſhall be male and female.

20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind: of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind: two of every ſort ſhall come unto thee to keep them alive.

21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou ſhalt gather it to thee; and it ſhall be for food for thee and for them.

22 Thus did Noah: according to all that God commanded him, ſo did he.

CHAP. VII.

Noah with his family entereth into the ark.

AND the Lord ſaid unto Noah, Come thou, and all thy houſe into the ark: for thee have I ſeen righteous before me in this generation.

2 Of every clean beaſt thou ſhalt take to thee by ſevens, the male and his female: and of beaſts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.

3 Of fowls alſo of the air by ſevens, the male and the female; to keep ſeed alive upon the face of all the earth.

4 For yet ſeven days and I will cauſe it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights: and every living ſubſtance that I have made, will I deſtroy from off the face of the earth.

5 And Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him.

6 And Noah was ſix hundred years old, when the flood of waters was upon the earth,

7 And Noah went in and his ſons, and his wife, and his ſons wives with him into the ark becauſe of the waters of the flood.

8 Of clean beaſts, and of beaſts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

9 There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

10 And it came to paſs after ſeven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

11 In the ſix hundredth year of Noah's life, in the ſecond month, the ſeventeenth day of the month, the ſame day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days, and forty nights.

13 In the self-same day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth; the sons of Noah and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark:

14 They and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort:

15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark; two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in.

17 ¶ And the flood was forty days upon the earth: and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth: and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth: and all the high hills that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth: both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; and every man:

22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry-land, died.

23 And every living substance was destroyed, which was upon the face of the ground; both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

CHAP. VIII.

The waters assuage, &c.

AND God remembered Noah and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged;

2 The fountains also of the deep, and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;

3 And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated:

4 And the ark rested in the seventh month on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

6 And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:

7 And he ſent forth a raven; which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

8 Alſo he ſent forth a dove from him, to ſee if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground:

9 But the dove found no reſt for the ſole of her foot, and ſhe returned unto him into the ark: for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

10 And he ſtayed yet other ſeven days; and again he ſent forth the dove out of the ark:

11 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and lo, in her mouth was an olive-leaf pluckt off: ſo Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

12 And he ſtayed yet other ſeven days; and ſent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

13 And it came to paſs in the ſix hundredth and firſt year, in the firſt month, the firſt day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked and behold, the face of the ground was dry.

14 And in the ſecond month on the ſeven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

15 And God ſpake unto Noah, ſaying,

16 Go forth of the ark; thou and thy wife, and thy ſons, and thy ſons wives with thee.

17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all fleſh; both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

18 ¶ And Noah went forth and his ſons, and his wife, and his ſons wives with him:

19 Every beaſt, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatſoever creepeth upon the earth after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

20 ¶ And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beaſt, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar.

21 ¶ And the Lord ſmelled a ſweet ſavour; and the Lord ſaid in his heart, I will not again curſe the ground any more for man's ſake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again ſmite any more every thing living, as I have done.

22 While the earth remaineth, ſeedtime and harveſt, and cold and heat and ſummer and winter, and day and night ſhall not ceaſe.

CHAP. IX.

God bleſſeth Noah, &c.

AND God bleſſed Noah, and his ſons: and ſaid unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and repleniſh the earth.

2 And the fear of you and the dread of you ſhall be upon every beaſt of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fiſhes of the ſea; into your hand are they delivered.

3 Every moving thing that liveth ſhall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

4 ¶ But fleſh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, ſhall ye not eat.

5 And ſurely your blood of your lives will I require: at the hand of every beaſt will I require it, and at the hand of man, at the hand of every man's brother, will I require the life of man:

6 Whoſo ſheddeth man's blood, by man ſhall his blood be ſhed: for in the image of God made he man.

7 And you, be ye fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

8 ¶ And God ſpake unto Noah, and to his ſons with him, ſaying,

9 And I, behold, I eſtabliſh my covenant with you, and with your ſeed after you;

10 And with every living creature that is with you; of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beaſt of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beaſt of the earth.

11 And I will eſtabliſh my covenant with you; neither ſhall all fleſh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither ſhall there any more be a flood to deſtroy the earth.

12 And God ſaid, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

13 ¶ I do ſet my bow in the cloud; and it ſhall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14 And it ſhall come to paſs, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow ſhall be ſeen in the cloud:

15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you, and every living creature of all fleſh; and the waters ſhall no more become a flood to deſtroy all fleſh.

16 And the bow ſhall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlaſting covenant between God and every living creature of all fleſh that is upon the earth.

17 And God ſaid unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have eſtabliſhed between me and all fleſh that is upon the earth.

18 And the ſons of Noah that went forth of the ark, were Shem and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan.

19 Theſe are the three ſons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overſpread.

20 And Noah began to be an huſbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

21 ¶ And he drank of the wine, and was drunken, and he was uncovered within his tent.

22 And Ham the father of Canaan, ſaw the nakedneſs of his father, and told his two brethren without.

23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their ſhoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedneſs of their father; and their faces were backward, and they ſaw not their father's nakedneſs.

24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger ſon had done unto him.

25 ¶ And he ſaid, Curſed be Canaan; a ſervant of ſervants ſhall he be unto his brethren.

26 And he ſaid, Bleſſed be the Lord God of Shem; and Canaan ſhall be his ſervant.

27 God ſhall enlarge Japheth, and he ſhall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan ſhall be his ſervant.

28 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.

29 ¶ And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

CHAP. X.

Noah's generations, &c.

NOW theſe are the generations of the ſons of Noah; Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were ſons born after the flood.

2 ¶ The ſons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meſhech, and Tiras.

3 And the ſons of Gomer; Aſhkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

4 And the ſons of Javan, Eliſhah, and Tarſhiſh, Kittim, and Dodanim.

5 By theſe were the iſles of the Gentiles divided in their lands, every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

6 ¶ And the ſons of Ham; Cuſh, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.

7 And the ſons of Cuſh; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha: and the ſons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

8 ¶ And Cuſh begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is ſaid, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord.

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

11 Out of that land went forth Aſhur and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,

12 And Reſen between Nineveh and Calah: the ſame is a great city.

13 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

14 And Pathruſim, and Caſluhim (out of whom came Philiſtim) and Caphtorim.

15 And Canaan begat Sidon his firſtborn and Heth,

16 And the Jebuſite, and the Amorite, and the Girgaſite.

17 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

18 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites ſpread abroad.

19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comeſt to Gerar unto Gaza; as thou goeſt unto Sodom and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Laſha.

20 Theſe are the ſons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues in their countries, and in their nations.

21 ¶ Unto Shem alſo the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Ja-

pheth the elder, even to him were children born.

22 The children of Shem; Elam and Aſhur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.

23 And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Maſh.

24 And Arphaxad begat Selah; and Selah begat Eber.

25 And unto Eber were born two ſons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.

26 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jarah,

27 And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,

28 And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

29 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all theſe were the ſons of Joktan.

30 And their dwelling was from Meſha as thou goeſt unto Sephar, a mount of the eaſt.

31 Theſe are the ſons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

32 Theſe are the families of the ſons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by theſe were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

CHAP. XI.

One language in the world: languages confounded, &c.

AND the whole earth was of one language, and of one ſpeech.

2 And it came to paſs as they journeyed from the eaſt, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

3 ¶ And they ſaid one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for ſtone, and ſlime had they for mortar.

4 And they ſaid, Go to, let us build us a city, and a tower, whoſe top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, leſt we be ſcattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

5 ¶ And the Lord came down to ſee the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

6 And the Lord ſaid, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be reſtrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not underſtand one another's ſpeech.

8 So the Lord ſcattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; becauſe the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth; and from thence did the Lord ſcatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

10 ¶ Theſe are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood:

11 And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat ſons and daughters.

12 And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Selah:

13 And Arphaxad lived after he begat Selah four hundred and three years, and begat ſons and daughters.

14 And Selah lived thirty years, and begat Eber:

15 And Selah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat ſons and daughters.

16 And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg:

17 And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat ſons and daughters.

18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu:

19 And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat ſons and daughters.

20 And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug:

21 And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and ſeven years, and begat ſons and daughters.

22 And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor:

23 And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat ſons and daughters.

24 And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah:

25 And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat ſons and daughters.

26 And Terah lived ſeventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

27 ¶ Now theſe are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.

28 And Haran died before his father Terah, in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees.

29 And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iſcah.

30 But Sarai was barren; ſhe had no child.

31 And Terah took Abram his ſon, and Lot the ſon of Haran, his ſon's ſon, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his ſon Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran and dwelt there.

32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

CHAP. XII.

God calleth Abram, and bleſſeth him with a promiſe of Chriſt, &c.

NOW the Lord had ſaid unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's houſe, unto a land that I will ſhew thee:

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bleſs thee, and make thy name great: and thou ſhalt be a bleſſing.

3 And I will bleſs them that bleſs thee, and curſe him that curſeth thee:

and in thee ſhall all families of the earth be bleſſed.

4 ¶ So Abram departed as the Lord had ſpoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was ſeventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

5 And Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's ſon, and all their ſubſtance that they had gathered, and the ſouls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

6 And Abram paſſed through the land unto the place of Sichem unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

7 ¶ And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and ſaid, Unto thy ſeed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.

8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the eaſt of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, having Beth-el on the weſt, and Hai on the eaſt: and there he builded an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord.

9 And Abram journeyed, going on ſtill toward the ſouth.

10 And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to ſojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land.

11 And it came to paſs when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he ſaid unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon:

12 Therefore it ſhall come to paſs, when the Egyptians ſhall ſee thee, that they ſhall ſay, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will ſave thee alive.

13 Say, I pray thee, thou art my ſiſter: that it may be well with me for thy ſake; and my ſoul ſhall live becauſe of thee.

14 And it came to paſs, that when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians, beheld the woman, that ſhe was very fair.

15 The princes alſo of Pharaoh ſaw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's houſe.

16 And he entreated Abram well for her ſake, and he had ſheep and oxen, and he-aſſes, and men-ſervants and maid-ſervants, and ſhe-aſſes, and camels.

17 And the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his houſe with great plagues, becauſe of Sarai Abram's wife.

18 And Pharaoh called Abram, and ſaid, What is this that thou haſt done unto me? why didſt thou not tell me that ſhe was thy wife?

19 Why ſaidſt thou, She is my ſiſter? ſo I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore, behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way.

20 And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they ſent him away and his wife, and all that he had.

CHAP. XIII.

Abram and Lot return out of Egypt, &c.

AND Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that

he had, and Lot with him, into the ſouth.

2 And Abram was very rich in cattle, in ſilver, and in gold.

3 And he went on his journeys from the ſouth, even to Beth-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and Hai;

4 Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the firſt: and there Abram called on the name of the Lord.

5 And Lot alſo which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their ſubſtance was great, ſo that they could not dwell together.

7 ¶ And there was a ſtrife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle, and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

8 And Abram ſaid unto Lot, Let there be no ſtrife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen, for we be brethren.

9 Is not the whole land before thee? ſeparate thy ſelf, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the Lord deſtroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comeſt unto Zoar.

11 Then Lot choſe him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed eaſt: and they ſeparated themſelves the one from the other.

12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.

13 But the men of Sodom were wicked, and ſinners before the Lord exceedingly.

14 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Abram, after that Lot was ſeparated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art, northward, and ſouth-ward, and eaſt-ward, and weſt-ward:

15 For all the land which thou ſeeſt, to thee will I give it, and to thy ſeed for ever.

16 And I will make thy ſeed as the duſt of the earth; ſo that if a man can number the duſt of the earth, then ſhall thy ſeed alſo be numbered.

17 Ariſe, walk through the land, in the length of it, and in the breadth of it: for I will give it unto thee.

18 Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the Lord.

CHAP. XIV.

The battle of the kings, &c.

AND it came to paſs in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellaſar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations:

2 That theſe made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birſha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar.

3 All theſe were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the ſalt ſea.

4 Twelve years they ſerved Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and ſmote the Rephaims in Aſhteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim,

6 And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto El-paran, which is by the wilderneſs.

7 And they returned, and came to Enmiſhpat, which is Kadeſh, and ſmote all the country of the Amalekites, and alſo the Amorites, that dwelt in Hazezon-tamar.

8 And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the ſame is Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim;

9 With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellaſar; four kings with five.

10 And the vale of Siddim was full of ſlime pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there: and they that remained fled to the mountain.

11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.

12 ¶ And they took Lot Abram's brother's ſon (who dwelt in Sodom) and his goods, and departed.

13 And there came one that had eſcaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eſhcol, and brother of Aner: and theſe were confederate with Abram.

14 ¶ And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained ſervants, born in his own houſe, three hundred and eighteen, and purſued them unto Dan.

15 And he divided himſelf againſt them, he and his ſervants by night, and ſmote them, and purſued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damaſcus.

16 And he brought back all the goods, and alſo brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women alſo, and the people.

17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him (after his return from the ſlaughter of Chedorlaomer and of the kings that were with him) at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale.

18 ¶ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine, and he was the prieſt of the moſt high God.

19 And he bleſſed him, and ſaid, Bleſſed be Abram of the moſt high God, poſſeſſor of heaven and earth:

20 ¶ And bleſſed be the moſt high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

21 And the king of Sodom ſaid unto Abram, Give me the perſons, and take the goods to thy ſelf.

22 And Abram ſaid to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the moſt high God, the poſſeſſor of heaven and earth,

23 That I will not take from a thread even to a ſhoe-latchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, leſt thou ſhouldeſt ſay, I have made Abram rich:

24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eſhcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

CHAP. XV.

Abram is encouraged: a ſon is promiſed: he is juſtified by faith, &c.

AFTER theſe things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a viſion, ſaying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy ſhield, and thy exceeding great reward.

2 And Abram ſaid, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, ſeeing I go childleſs, and the ſteward of my houſe is this Eliezer of Damaſcus?

3 And Abram ſaid, Behold, to me thou haſt given no ſeed: and lo, one born in my houſe is mine heir.

4 ¶ And behold, the word of the Lord came unto him, ſaying, This ſhall not be thine heir; but he that ſhall come forth out of thine own bowels ſhall be thine heir.

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and ſaid, Look now toward heaven, and tell the ſtars if thou be able to number them: and he ſaid unto him, So ſhall thy ſeed be.

6 ¶ And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteouſneſs.

7 ¶ And he ſaid unto him, I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he ſaid, Lord God, whereby ſhall I know that I ſhall inherit it?

9 And he ſaid unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a ſhe-goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all theſe, and divided them in the midſt, and laid each piece one againſt another: but the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcaſes, Abram drove them away.

12 And when the ſun was going down, a deep ſleep fell upon Abram: and lo, an horror of great darkneſs fell upon him.

13 And he ſaid unto Abram, Know of a ſurety that thy ſeed ſhall be a ſtranger in a land that is not their's, and ſhall ſerve them; and they ſhall afflict them four hundred years.

14 And alſo that nation whom they ſhall ſerve, will I judge: and afterward ſhall they come out with great ſubſtance:

15 And thou ſhalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou ſhalt be buried in a good old age:

16 But in the fourth generation they ſhall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.

17 And it came to paſs, that when the ſun went down and it was dark, behold, a ſmoking furnace, and a burning lamp that paſſed between thoſe pieces.

18 In the ſame day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, ſaying, Unto thy ſeed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates;

19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,

21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgaſhites, and the Jebuſites.

CHAP. XVI.

Sarai giveth Hagar to Abram, &c.

NOW Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and ſhe had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whoſe name was Hagar.

2 And Sarai ſaid unto Abram, Behold now, the Lord hath reſtrained me from bearing: I pray thee go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her; And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

3 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her huſband Abram to be his wife.

4 And he went in unto Hagar, and ſhe conceived: and when ſhe ſaw that ſhe had conceived, her miſtreſs was deſpiſed in her eyes.

5 And Sarai ſaid unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy boſom, and when ſhe ſaw that ſhe had conceived, I was deſpiſed in her eyes: the Lord judge between me and thee.

6 ¶ But Abram ſaid unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaſeth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, ſhe fled from her face.

7 And the angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water in the wilderneſs, by the fountain in the way to Shur.

8 And he ſaid, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence cameſt thou? and whither wilt thou go? And ſhe ſaid, I flee from the face of my miſtreſs Sarai.

9 ¶ And the angel of the Lord ſaid unto her, Return to thy miſtreſs, and ſubmit thyſelf under her hands.

10 And the angel of the Lord ſaid unto her, I will multiply thy ſeed exceedingly, that it ſhall not be numbered for multitude.

11 And the angel of the Lord ſaid unto her, Behold thou art with child, and ſhalt bear a ſon, and ſhalt call his name Iſhmael; becauſe the Lord hath heard thy affliction.

12 And he will be a wild man; his hand will be againſt every man, and every man's hand againſt him: and he ſhall dwell in the preſence of all his brethren.

13 And ſhe called the name of the Lord that ſpake unto her, Thou God

ſeeſt me: for ſhe ſaid, Have I alſo here looked after him that ſeeth me?

14 Wherefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; behold, it is between Kadeſh and Bered.

15 ¶ And Hagar bare Abram a ſon: and Abram called his ſon's name, which Hagar bare, Iſhmael.

16 And Abram was fourſcore and ſix years old, when Hagar bare Iſhmael to Abram.

CHAP. XVII.

The covenant is renewed, &c.

AND when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and ſaid unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, ſaying,

4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou ſhalt be a father of many nations.

5 ¶ Neither ſhall thy name any more be called Abram: but thy name ſhall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee; and kings ſhall come out of thee.

7 And I will eſtabliſh my covenant between me and thee, and thy ſeed after thee, in their generations, for an everlaſting covenant; to be a God unto thee, and to thy ſeed after thee.

8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy ſeed after thee, the land wherein thou art a ſtranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlaſting poſſeſſion; and I will be their God.

9 And God ſaid unto Abraham, Thou ſhalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy ſeed after thee, in their generations.

10 ¶ This is my covenant, which ye ſhall keep between me and you, and thy ſeed after thee; every man-child among you ſhall be circumciſed.

11 And ye ſhall circumciſe the fleſh of your fore-ſkin; and it ſhall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

12 And he that is eight days old ſhall be circumciſed among you, every man-child in your generations; he that is born in the houſe, or bought with money of any ſtranger, which is not of thy ſeed.

13 He that is born in thy houſe, and he that is bought with thy money, muſt needs be circumciſed: and my covenant ſhall be in your fleſh for an everlaſting covenant.

14 And the uncircumciſed man-child, whoſe fleſh of his fore-ſkin is not circumciſed, that ſoul ſhall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

15 And God ſaid unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou ſhalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah ſhall her name be.

16 ¶ And I will bleſs her, and give thee a ſon alſo of her: yea, I will bleſs her, and ſhe ſhall be a mother of

nations; kings of people ſhall be of her.

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and ſaid in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and ſhall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

18 And Abraham ſaid unto God, O that Iſhmael might live before thee!

19 And God ſaid, Sarah thy wife ſhall bear thee a ſon indeed; and thou ſhalt call his name Iſaac: and I will eſtabliſh my covenant with him for an everlaſting covenant, and with his ſeed after him.

20 And as for Iſhmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have bleſſed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly: twelve princes ſhall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

21 But my covenant will I eſtabliſh with Iſaac, which Sarah ſhall bear unto thee at this ſet time in the next year.

22 And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

23 And Abraham took Iſhmael his ſon, and all that were born in his houſe, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's houſe; and circumciſed the fleſh of their fore-ſkin, in the ſelf-ſame day, as God had ſaid unto him.

24 And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumciſed in the fleſh of his fore-ſkin.

25 And Iſhmael his ſon was thirteen years old, when he was circumciſed in the fleſh of his fore-ſkin.

26 In the ſelf-ſame day was Abraham circumciſed, and Iſhmael his ſon.

27 And all the men of his houſe, born in the houſe, and bought with money of the ſtranger, were circumciſed with him.

CHAP. XVIII.

Abraham entertaineth three angels, &c.

AND the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he ſat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and lo, three men ſtood by him: and when he ſaw them, he ran to meet them from the tent-door, and bowed himſelf toward the ground,

3 And ſaid, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy ſight, paſs not away, I pray thee, from thy ſervant:

4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and waſh your feet, and reſt yourſelves under the tree:

5 And I will fetch a morſel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye ſhall paſs on: for therefore are ye come to your ſervant. And they ſaid, So do as thou haſt ſaid.

6 And Abraham haſtened into the tent unto Sarah, and ſaid, Make ready quickly three meaſures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man: and he haſted to dreſs it.

8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dreſſed, and ſet it before them; and he ſtood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

9 ¶ And they ſaid unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? and he ſaid, Behold, in the tent.

10 And he ſaid, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and lo, Sarah thy wife ſhall have a ſon. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.

11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, and well ſtricken in age: and it ceaſed to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herſelf, ſaying, After I am waxed old, ſhall I have pleaſure, my lord being old alſo?

13 And the Lord ſaid unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, ſaying, Shall I of a ſurety bear a child, which am old?

14 Is any thing too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah ſhall have a ſon.

15 Then Sarah denied, ſaying, I laughed not; for ſhe was afraid. And he ſaid, Nay, but thou didſt laugh.

16 And the men roſe up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

17 ¶ And the Lord ſaid, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

18 Seeing that Abraham ſhall ſurely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth ſhall be bleſſed in him?

19 For I know him that he will command his children, and his houſhold after him, and they ſhall keep the way of the Lord, to do juſtice and judgement; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath ſpoken of him.

20 And the Lord ſaid, Becauſe the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and becauſe their ſin is very grievous;

21 I will go down now and ſee whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham ſtood yet before the Lord.

23 ¶ And Abraham drew near, and ſaid, Wilt thou alſo deſtroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou alſo deſtroy, and not ſpare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to ſlay the righteous with the wicked, and that the righteous ſhould be as the wicked: that be far from thee: ſhall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

26 And the Lord ſaid, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will ſpare all the place for their ſakes.

27 And Abraham anſwered and ſaid, Behold, now I have taken upon me to ſpeak unto the Lord, which am but duſt and aſhes:

28 Peradventure there ſhall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou deſtroy all the city for lack of five? And he ſaid, If I find there forty and five, I will not deſtroy it.

29 And he ſpake unto him yet again, and ſaid, Peradventure there ſhall be forty found there. And he ſaid, I will not do it for forty's ſake.

30 And he ſaid unto him, Oh, let not the Lord be angry, and I will ſpeak: Peradventure there ſhall thirty be found there. And he ſaid, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

31 And he ſaid, Behold, now I have taken upon me to ſpeak unto the Lord: Peradventure there ſhall be twenty found there. And he ſaid, I will not deſtroy it for twenty's ſake.

32 And he ſaid, Oh, let not the Lord be angry, and I will ſpeak yet but this once: Peradventure ten ſhall be found there. And he ſaid, I will not deſtroy it for ten's ſake.

33 And the Lord went his way, as ſoon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

CHAP. XIX.

Lot entertaineth two angels: Sodom and Gomorrah deſtroyed, &c.

AND there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot ſat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot ſeeing them, roſe up to meet them; and he bowed himſelf with his face toward the ground;

2 And he ſaid, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your ſervant's houſe, and tarry all night, and waſh your feet, and ye ſhall riſe up early, and go on your ways. And they ſaid, Nay; but we will abide in the ſtreet all night.

3 And he preſſed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his houſe: and he made them a feaſt, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

4 ¶ But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compaſſed the houſe round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

5 And they called unto Lot, and ſaid unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and ſhut the door after him,

7 And ſaid, I pray you, brethren, do not ſo wickedly.

8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto theſe men do nothing: for therefore came they under the ſhadow of my roof.

9 And they ſaid, Stand back. And they ſaid again, This one fellow came in to ſojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worſe with thee, than with them. And they preſſed ſore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.

10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the houſe to them, and ſhut to the door.

11 And they ſmote the men that were at the door of the houſe with blindneſs, both ſmall and great: ſo that they wearied themſelves to find the door.

12 And the men ſaid unto Lot, Haſt thou here any beſides? ſon-in-law, and thy ſons, and thy daughters, and whatſoever thou haſt in the city, bring them out of this place:

13 For we will deſtroy this place: becauſe the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath ſent us to deſtroy it.

14 And Lot went out and ſpake unto his ſons-in-law, which married his daughters, and ſaid, Up, get ye out of this place; for the Lord will deſtroy this city: but he ſeemed as one that mocked unto his ſons-in-law.

15 And when the morning aroſe, then the angels haſtened Lot, ſaying, Ariſe, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here: leſt thou be conſumed in the iniquity of the city.

16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters, the Lord being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and ſet him without the city.

17 And it came to paſs when they had brought them forth abroad, that he ſaid, Eſcape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither ſtay thou in all the plain: eſcape to the mountain leſt thou be conſumed.

18 And Lot ſaid unto them, Oh, not ſo, my Lord:

19 Behold now, thy ſervant hath found grace in thy ſight, and thou haſt magnified thy mercy, which thou haſt ſhewed unto me in ſaving my life: and I cannot eſcape to the mountain, leſt ſome evil take me, and I die:

20 Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: oh, let me eſcape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my ſoul ſhall live.

21 And he ſaid unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing alſo, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou haſt ſpoken.

22 Haſte thee, eſcape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither: therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

23 The ſun was riſen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

24 ¶ Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimſtone and fire from the Lord out of heaven:

25 And he overthrew thoſe cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

26 ¶ But his wife looked back from behind him, and ſhe became a pillar of ſalt.

27 And Abraham gat up early in the morning, to the place where he ſtood before the Lord:

28 And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and lo, the ſmoke of the country went up as the ſmoke of a furnace.

[c] Pillar of ſalt, ver. 26.) A laſting monument of God's diſpleaſure, and her own diſobedience.
Eſcape to the mountain, ver. 17.) Human means are not to be contemned, though the deliverance be of divine grace.

29 And it came to paſs, when God deſtroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and ſent Lot out of the midſt of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

30 And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

31 ¶ And the firſt-born ſaid unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:

32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preſerve ſeed of our father.

33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firſt-born went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when ſhe lay down, nor when ſhe aroſe.

34 And it came to paſs on the morrow, that the firſt-born ſaid unto the younger, Behold, I lay yeſternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night alſo; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preſerve ſeed of our father.

35 And they made their father drink wine that night alſo: and the younger aroſe, and lay with him; and he perceived not when ſhe lay down, nor when ſhe aroſe.

36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

37 And the firſt-born bare a ſon, and called his name Moab: the ſame is the father of the Moabites unto this day.

38 And the younger ſhe alſo bare a ſon, and called his name Ben-ammi: the ſame is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

CHAP. XX.

Abraham denieth his wife, and loſeth her: Abimelech reſtoreth her.

AND Abraham journeyed from thence toward the ſouth country, and dwelled between Kadeſh and Shur, and ſojourned in Gerar.

2 And Abraham ſaid of Sarah his wife, She is my ſiſter: and Abimelech king of Gerar, ſent and took Sarah.

3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and ſaid to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou haſt taken: for ſhe is a man's wife.

4 But Abimelech had not come near her: and he ſaid, Lord, wilt thou ſlay alſo a righteous nation?

5 Said he not unto me, She is my ſiſter? and ſhe, even ſhe herſelf ſaid, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart, and innocency of my hands have I done this.

6 And God ſaid unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didſt this in the integrity of thy heart; for I alſo withheld thee from ſinning againſt me: therefore ſuffered I thee not to touch her.

7 Now therefore reſtore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he ſhall

Perceived not, &c. ver. 33.) Drunkenneſs drowns the underſtanding, ſenſes, conſcience, and all.
Integrity of my heart, ver. 5.) I had not the leaſt adulterous deſign: I meant nothing but honeſty.

pray for thee, and thou ſhalt live: and if thou reſtore her not, know thou that thou ſhalt ſurely die, thou, and all that are thine.

8 Therefore Abimelech roſe early in the morning, and called all his ſervants, and told all theſe things in their ears: and the men were ſore afraid.

9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and ſaid unto him, What haſt thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou haſt brought on me and on my kingdom a great ſin? thou haſt done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

10 And Abimelech ſaid unto Abraham, What ſaweſt thou, that thou haſt done this thing?

11 And Abraham ſaid, Becauſe I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place: and they will ſlay me for my wife's ſake.

12 And yet indeed ſhe is my ſiſter; ſhe is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and ſhe became my wife.

13 And it came to paſs, when God cauſed me to wander from my father's houſe, that I ſaid unto her, This is thy kindneſs which thou ſhalt ſhew unto me; at every place whither we ſhall come, ſay of me, He is my brother.

14 ¶ And Abimelech took ſheep, and oxen, and men-ſervants, and women-ſervants, and gave them unto Abraham, and reſtored him Sarah his wife.

15 And Abimelech ſaid, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaſeth thee.

16 And unto Sarah he ſaid, Behold, I have given thy brother a thouſand pieces of ſilver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus ſhe was reproved.

17 So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maid-ſervants; and they bare children.

18 For the Lord had faſt cloſed up all the wombs of the houſe of Abimelech, becauſe of Sarah Abraham's wife.

CHAP. XXI.

Iſaac is born: Hagar and Iſhmael are caſt forth, &c.

AND the Lord viſited Sarah as he had ſaid, and the Lord did unto Sarah as he had ſpoken.

2 ¶ For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a ſon in his old age, at the ſet time of which God had ſpoken to him.

3 And Abraham called the name of his ſon that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Iſaac.

4 And Abraham circumciſed his ſon Iſaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.

5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his ſon Iſaac was born unto him.

6 And Sarah ſaid, God hath made me to laugh, ſo that all that hear will laugh with me.

7 And ſhe ſaid, Who would have ſaid unto Abraham, that Sarah ſhould have

Faſt cloſed, &c. ver. 18.) Rendered both men and women unfit for conjugal ſociety.
Iſaac, ver. 3.) Becauſe of the joy he had in him.

given children ſuck? for I have borne him a ſon in his old age.

8 And the child grew and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feaſt the ſame day that Iſaac was weaned.

9 ¶ And Sarah ſaw the ſon of Hagar the Egyptian, which ſhe had borne unto Abraham, mocking.

10 Wherefore ſhe ſaid unto Abraham, Caſt out this bond-woman, and her ſon: for the ſon of this bond-woman ſhall not be heir with my ſon, even with Iſaac.

11 And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's ſight, becauſe of his ſon.

12 And God ſaid unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy ſight, becauſe of the lad, and becauſe of thy bond-woman; in all that Sarah hath ſaid unto thee, hearken unto her voice: for in Iſaac ſhall thy ſeed be called.

13 And alſo of the ſon of the bond-woman will I make a nation, becauſe he is thy ſeed.

14 And Abraham roſe up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, (putting it on her ſhoulder,) and the child, and ſent her away: and ſhe departed, and wandered in the wilderneſs of Beer-ſheba.

15 And the water was ſpent in the bottle, and ſhe caſt the child under one of the ſhrubs.

16 And ſhe went and ſat her down over againſt him, a good way off, as it were a bow-ſhot: for ſhe ſaid, Let me not ſee the death of the child. And ſhe ſat over againſt him, and lift up her voice, and wept.

17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and ſaid unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is.

18 Ariſe, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.

19 And God opened her eyes, and ſhe ſaw a well of water; and ſhe went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

20 And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderneſs, and became an archer.

21 And he dwelt in the wilderneſs of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ And it came to paſs at that time, that Abimelech, and Phichol the chief captain of his hoſt ſpake unto Abraham, ſaying, God is with thee in all that thou doeſt:

23 Now therefore ſwear unto me here by God, that thou wilt not deal falſly with me, nor with my ſon, nor with my ſon's ſon: but according to the kindneſs that I have done unto thee, thou ſhalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou haſt ſojourned.

24 And Abraham ſaid, I will ſwear.

25 And Abraham reproved Abimelech becauſe of a well of water, which Abimelech's ſervants had violently taken away.

26 And Abimelech ſaid, I wot not who hath done this thing: neither didſt thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but to-day.

Children ſuck, ver. 7.) Mothers, though ever ſo great, ſhould nurſe their children themſelves.
Opened her eyes, ver. 19.) Except God open our eyes, we can neither ſee, nor uſe the means that are before us.

27 And Abraham took ſheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant.

28 And Abraham ſet ſeven ewe-lambs of the flock by themſelves.

29 And Abimelech ſaid unto Abraham, What mean theſe ſeven ewe-lambs, which thou haſt ſet by themſelves?

30 And he ſaid, For theſe ſeven ewe-lambs ſhalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witneſs unto me, that I have digged this well.

31 Wherefore he called that place Beer-ſheba; becauſe there they ſware both of them.

32 Thus they made a covenant at Beer-ſheba: then Abimelech roſe up, and Phichol the chief captain of his hoſt, and they returned into the land of the Philiſtines.

33 And Abraham planted a grove in Beer-ſheba, and called there on the name of the Lord, the everlaſting God.

34 And Abraham ſojourned in the Philiſtines land many days.

CHAP. XXII.

Abraham offering Iſaac, is ſtayed by an angel, &c.

AND it came to paſs after theſe things that God did tempt Abraham, and ſaid unto him, Abraham: and he ſaid, Behold, here I am.

2 And he ſaid, Take now thy ſon, thine only ſon Iſaac, whom thou loveſt, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 ¶ And Abraham roſe up early in the morning, and ſaddled his aſs, and took two of his young men with him, and Iſaac his ſon; and clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and roſe up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and ſaw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham ſaid unto his young men, Abide ye here with the aſs; and I and the lad will go yonder and worſhip, and come again to you.

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering, and laid it upon Iſaac his ſon: and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife: and they went both of them together.

7 And Iſaac ſpake unto Abraham his father, and ſaid, My father: and he ſaid, Here am I, my ſon. And he ſaid, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?

8 And Abraham ſaid, My ſon, God will provide himſelf a lamb for a burnt-offering: ſo they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order; and bound Iſaac his ſon, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And Abraham ſtretched forth his hand, and took the knife to ſlay his ſon.

11 And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and ſaid,

Planted a grove, ver. 33.) This practice was afterwards abuſed to ſuperſtition and idolatry, and therefore forbidden.
God did tempt Abraham, ver. 1.) Tried the ſtrength of his faith and obedience.

Abraham, Abraham: and he ſaid, Here am I.

12 ¶ And he ſaid, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him, for now I know that thou feareſt God, ſeeing thou haſt not with-held thy ſon, thine only ſon from me.

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering in the ſtead of his ſon.

14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is ſaid to this day, In the mount of the Lord it ſhall be ſeen.

15 ¶ And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the ſecond time,

16 And ſaid, By myſelf have I ſworn, ſaith the Lord, for becauſe thou haſt done this thing, and haſt not with-held thy ſon, thine only ſon:

17 That in bleſſing I will bleſs thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy ſeed as the ſtars of the heaven, and as the ſand which is upon the ſea-ſhore: and thy ſeed ſhall poſſeſs the gate of his enemies;

18 And in thy ſeed ſhall all the nations of the earth be bleſſed; becauſe thou haſt obeyed my voice.

19 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they aroſe up, and went together to Beer-ſheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-ſheba.

20 ¶ And it came to paſs after theſe things, that it was told Abraham, ſaying, Behold, Milcah ſhe hath alſo borne children unto thy brother Nahor;

21 Huz his firſt-born, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Amram,

22 And Cheſed, and Hazo, and Pildaſh, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel.

23 And Bethuel begat Rebekah: theſe eight Milcah did bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother.

24 And his concubine, whoſe name was Reumah, ſhe bare alſo Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahaſh, and Maachah.

CHAP. XXIII.

Sarah's age and death: the purchaſe of Machpelah, &c.

AND Sarah was an hundred and ſeven and twenty years old: theſe were the years of the life of Sarah.

2 And Sarah died in Kirjath-arba; the ſame is Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

3 ¶ And Abraham ſtood up from before his dead, and ſpake unto the ſons of Heth, ſaying,

4 I am a ſtranger and a ſojourner with you: give me a poſſeſſion of a burying place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my ſight.

5 And the children of Heth anſwered Abraham, ſaying unto him,

6 Hear us, my lord: thou art a mighty prince among us: in the choice of our ſepulchres bury thy dead; none of us ſhall with-hold from thee his ſepulchre, but that thou mayeſt bury thy dead.

A ram caught, &c. ver. 13.) Strayed from the reſt of the flock, and directed hither by God's providence.
It ſhall be ſeen, ver. 14.) God will help and provide for his Church and People, and they ſhall ſee it.

7 And Abraham ſtood up, and bowed himſelf to the people of the land, even to the children of Heth.

8 And he communed with them, ſaying, If it be your mind that I ſhould bury my dead out of my ſight; hear me, and intreat for me to Ephron the ſon of Zohar,

9 That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which is in the end of his field; for as much money as it is worth he ſhall give it me, for a poſſeſſion of a burying place amongſt you.

10 And Ephron dwelt among the children of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite anſwered Abraham in the audience of the children of Heth, even of all that went in at the gate of his city, ſaying,

11 Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it thee; in the preſence of the ſons of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead.

12 And Abraham bowed down himſelf before the people of the land.

13 And he ſpake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, ſaying, But if thou wilt give it, I pray thee, hear me: I will give thee money for the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there.

14 And Ephron anſwered Abraham, ſaying unto him,

15 My lord, hearken unto me: the land is worth four hundred ſhekels of ſilver; what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.

16 And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the ſilver, which he had named in the audience of the ſons of Heth, four hundred ſhekels of ſilver, current money with the merchant.

17 And the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made ſure

18 Unto Abraham for a poſſeſſion in the preſence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

19 ¶ And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah, before Mamre: the ſame is Hebron in the land of Canaan.

20 And the field and the cave that is therein were made ſure unto Abraham, for a poſſeſſion of a burying-place, by the ſons of Heth.

CHAP. XXIV.

Abraham ſendeth his ſervant to get a wife for his ſon Iſaac, &c.

AND Abraham was old, and well ſtricken in age: and the Lord had bleſſed Abraham in all things.

2 And Abraham ſaid unto his eldeſt ſervant of his houſe, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

3 And I will make thee ſwear by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that thou ſhalt not take a wife unto my ſon of the daughters of the Canaanites among whom I dwell:

Bowed himſelf, &c. ver. 7.] Religion not only allows, but requires civility, and thoſe geſtures which expreſs it.
Four hundred ſhekels, ver. 15.) Of our money forty-five pounds twelve ſhillings and ſixpence.

4 But thou ſhalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my ſon Iſaac.

5 And the ſervant ſaid unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: muſt I needs bring thy ſon again unto the land from whence thou cameſt?

6 And Abraham ſaid unto him, Beware thou, that thou bring not my ſon thither again.

7 The Lord God of heaven which took me from my father's houſe, and from the land of my kindred, and which ſpake unto me, and that ſware unto me, ſaying, Unto thy ſeed will I give this land; he ſhall ſend his angel before thee, and thou ſhalt take a wife unto my ſon from thence.

8 And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou ſhalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my ſon thither again.

9 And the ſervant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his maſter, and ſware to him concerning that matter.

10 And the ſervant took ten camels, of the camels of his maſter, and departed; (for all the goods of his maſter were in his hand:) and he aroſe, and went to Meſopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.

11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city, by a well of water, at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.

12 And he ſaid, O Lord God of my maſter Abraham, I pray thee, ſend me good ſpeed this day, and ſhew kindneſs unto my maſter Abraham.

13 Behold, I ſtand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

14 And let it come to paſs, that the damſel to whom I ſhall ſay, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and ſhe ſhall ſay, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink alſo: let the ſame be ſhe that thou haſt appointed for thy ſervant Iſaac: and thereby ſhall I know that thou haſt ſhewed kindneſs unto my maſter.

15 And it came to paſs before he had done ſpeaking, that behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, ſon of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her ſhoulder.

16 And the damſel was very fair to look upon; a virgin; neither had any man known her: and ſhe went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

17 And the ſervant ran to meet her, and ſaid, Let me (I pray thee) drink a little water of thy pitcher.

18 And ſhe ſaid, Drink, my lord: and ſhe haſted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.

19 And when ſhe had done giving him drink, ſhe ſaid, I will draw water for thy camels alſo, until they have done drinking.

20 And ſhe haſted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.

21 And the man wondering at her, held his peace, to wit, Whether the Lord had made his journey proſperous, or not.

My kindred, ver. 4.) Becauſe though they were idolators, yet they worſhipped the true God.
Let it come to paſs, ver. 14.) This he deſires, not out of diſtruſt, but by a ſecret inſtinct of God's Spirit.

22 And it came to paſs as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden ear-ring, of half a ſhekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands, of ten ſhekels weight of gold;

23 And ſaid, Whoſe daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's houſe for us to lodge in?

24 And ſhe ſaid unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the ſon of Milcah, which ſhe bare unto Nahor.

25 She ſaid moreover unto him, We have both ſtraw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.

26 And the man bowed down his head, and worſhipped the Lord.

27 And he ſaid, Bleſſed be the Lord God of my maſter Abraham, who hath not left deſtitute my maſter of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the Lord led me to the houſe of my maſter's brethren.

28 And the damſel ran, and told them of her mother's houſe theſe things.

29 And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well.

30 And it came to paſs when he ſaw the ear-ring and bracelets upon his ſiſter's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his ſiſter, ſaying, Thus ſpake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and behold, he ſtood by the camels at the well.

31 And he ſaid, Come in, thou bleſſed of the Lord, wherefore ſtandeſt thou without? for I have prepared the houſe, and room for the camels.

32 And the man came into the houſe: and he ungirded his camels, and gave ſtraw and provender for the camels, and water to waſh his feet, and the men's feet that were with him.

33 And there was ſet meat before him to eat: but he ſaid, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he ſaid, Speak on.

34 And he ſaid, I am Abraham's ſervant.

35 And the Lord hath bleſſed my maſter greatly, and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and ſilver, and gold, and men-ſervants, and maid-ſervants, and camels, and aſſes.

36 And Sarah my maſter's wife bare a ſon to my maſter when ſhe was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath.

37 And my maſter made me ſwear, ſaying, Thou ſhalt not take a wife to my ſon of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whoſe land I dwell.

38 But thou ſhalt go unto my father's houſe, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my ſon.

39 And I ſaid unto my maſter, Peradventure the woman will not follow me.

40 And he ſaid unto me, The Lord before whom I walk, will ſend his angel with thee, and proſper thy way: and thou ſhalt take a wife for my ſon of my kindred, and of my father's houſe:

41 Then ſhalt thou be clear from this my oath, when thou comeſt to my kindred, and if they give not thee one, thou ſhalt be clear from my oath.

[f] Golden ear-ring, ver. 22.) Jewels, and ſuch precious things, may lawfully be worn, provided they be ſuitable to the perſon's rank, or ability; that they be not the occaſion of pride; and that inward adorning be chiefly minded.

42 And I came this day unto the well, and ſaid, O Lord God of my maſter Abraham, if now thou do proſper my way which I go:

43 Behold, I ſtand by the well of water; and it ſhall come to paſs, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I ſay to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink:

44 And ſhe ſay to me, Both drink thou, and I will alſo draw for thy camels: let the ſame be the woman whom the Lord hath appointed out for my maſter's ſon.

45 And before I had done ſpeaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her ſhoulder; and ſhe went down unto the well, and drew water: and I ſaid unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.

46 And ſhe made haſte, and let down her pitcher from her ſhoulder, and ſaid, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink alſo: ſo I drank, and ſhe made the camels drink alſo.

47 And I aſked her, and ſaid, Whoſe daughter art thou? and ſhe ſaid, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's ſon, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the ear-ring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.

48 And I bowed down my head, and worſhipped the Lord, and bleſſed the Lord God of my maſter Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my maſter's brother's daughter unto his ſon.

49 And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my maſter, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand or to the left.

50 Then Laban and Bethuel anſwered, and ſaid, The thing proceedeth from the Lord: we cannot ſpeak unto thee bad or good.

51 Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy maſter's ſon's wife, as the Lord hath ſpoken.

52 And it came to paſs that when Abraham's ſervant heard their words, he worſhipped the Lord, bowing himſelf to the earth.

53 And the ſervant brought forth jewels of ſilver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave alſo to her brother and to her mother precious things.

54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they roſe up in the morning, and he ſaid, Send me away unto my maſter.

55 And her brother and her mother ſaid, Let the damſel abide with us a few days, at the leaſt ten; after that ſhe ſhall go.

56 And he ſaid unto them, Hinder me not, ſeeing the Lord hath proſpered my way: ſend me away that I may go to my maſter.

57 And they ſaid, We will call the damſel, and enquire at her mouth.

58 ¶ And they called Rebekah, and ſaid unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? and ſhe ſaid, I will go.

59 And they ſent away Rebekah their ſiſter, and her nurſe, and Abraham's ſervant, and his men.

Kindly and truly, ver. 49.) Shew true kindneſs and friendſhip in giving your daughter to his ſon.
As the Lord hath ſpoken, ver. 51.) Directed by his providence, as we plainly perceive by the whole carriage of this buſineſs.

60 And they bleſſed Rebekah, and ſaid unto her, Thou art our ſiſter, be thou the mother of thouſands of millions, and let thy ſeed poſſeſs the gate of thoſe which hate them.

61 And Rebekah aroſe, and her damſels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the ſervant took Rebekah, and went his way.

62 ¶ And Iſaac came from the way of the well Lahai-roi; for he dwelt in the ſouth-country.

63 And Iſaac went out to meditate in the field at the even-tide: and he lifted up his eyes, and ſaw, and behold, the camels were coming.

64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when ſhe ſaw Iſaac, ſhe lighted off the camel.

65 For ſhe had ſaid unto the ſervant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? and the ſervant had ſaid, It is my maſter: therefore ſhe took a veil and covered herſelf.

66 And the ſervant told Iſaac all things that he had done.

67 And Iſaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and ſhe became his wife; and he loved her: and Iſaac was comforted after his mother's death.

CHAP. XXV.

The ſons of Abraham by Keturah: his age and death, &c.

THEN again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah.

2 And ſhe bare him Zimram, and Jokſhan, and Medan, and Midian, and Iſhbak, and Shuah.

3 And Jokſhan begat Shebah, and Dedan. And the ſons of Dedan were Aſſhurim, Letuſhim, and Leummim.

4 And the ſons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abidah, and Eldaah: all theſe were the children of Keturah.

5 And Abraham gave all that he had unto Iſaac.

6 But unto the ſons of the concubines which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and ſent them away from Iſaac his ſon, (while he yet lived,) eaſtward, unto the eaſt-country.

7 ¶ And theſe are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived; an hundred threeſcore and fifteen years.

8 Then Abraham gave up the ghoſt, and died in a good old age; an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.

9 And his ſons Iſaac and Iſhmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the ſon of Zoar the Hittite, which is before Mamre;

10 The field which Abraham purchaſed of the ſons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife.

11 And it came to paſs after the death of Abraham, that God bleſſed his ſon Iſaac; and Iſaac dwelt by the well Lahai-roi.

12 Now theſe are the generations of Iſhmael, Abraham's ſon, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham:

Meditate, &c. ver. 63.) To converſe with God and himſelf, by pious thoughts, ejaculations, and fervent prayers.
Gathered to his people, ver. 8.) His ſoul to the world of Souls, his body to the grave.

13 And theſe are the names of the ſons of Iſhmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firſt-born of Iſhmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibſam.

14 And Miſhma, and Dumah, and Maſſa,

15 Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphiſh, and Kedemah:

16 Theſe are the ſons of Iſhmael, and theſe are their names, by their towns, and by their caſtles; twelve princes according to their nations.

17 And theſe are the years of the life of Iſhmael, an hundred and thirty and ſeven years: and he gave up the ghoſt and died, and was gathered unto his people.

18 And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goeſt toward Aſſyria: and he died in the preſence of all his brethren.

19 And theſe are the generations of Iſaac Abraham's ſon: Abraham begat Iſaac:

20 And Iſaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, the ſiſter to Laban the Syrian.

21 And Iſaac intreated the Lord for his wife, becauſe ſhe was barren: and the Lord was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

22 And the children ſtruggled together within her; and ſhe ſaid, If it be ſo, why am I thus? And ſhe went to enquire of the Lord.

23 And the Lord ſaid unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people ſhall be ſeparated from thy bowels: and the one people ſhall be ſtronger than the other people; and the elder ſhall ſerve the younger.

24 ¶ And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

25 And the firſt came out red, all over like an hairy garment: and they called his name Eſau.

26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Eſau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Iſaac was threeſcore years old when ſhe bare them.

27 And the boys grew: and Eſau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man dwelling in tents.

28 And Iſaac loved Eſau, becauſe he did eat of his veniſon: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

29 ¶ And Jacob ſod pottage: and Eſau came from the field, and he was faint:

30 And Eſau ſaid to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that ſame red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

31 And Jacob ſaid, Sell me this day thy birth-right.

32 And Eſau ſaid, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit ſhall this birth-right do to me?

33 And Jacob ſaid, Swear to me this day; and he ſware unto him: and he ſold his birth-right unto Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave Eſau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and roſe up, and went his

Children ſtruggled, ver. 22.) A preſage of the enmity of theſe two, and their poſterity.
Eſau, ver. 25.) Signifying being of a more ſtrong and perfect conſtitution than children uſually are.

way: thus Eſau deſpiſed his birthright.

CHAP. XXVI.

Iſaac goeth to Gerar: God bleſſeth him.

AND there was a famine in the land, beſides the firſt famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Iſaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philiſtines unto Gerar.

2 ¶ And the Lord appeared unto him, and ſaid, Go not down into Egypt: dwell in the land which I ſhall tell thee of:

3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bleſs thee: for unto thee, and unto thy ſeed I will give all theſe countries, and I will perform the oath which I ſware unto Abraham thy father:

4 And I will make thy ſeed to multiply as the ſtars of heaven, and will give unto thy ſeed all theſe countries: and in thy ſeed ſhall all the nations of the earth be bleſſed.

5 Becauſe that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my ſtatutes, and my laws.

6 And Iſaac dwelt in Gerar.

7 And the men of the place aſked him of his wife; and he ſaid, She is my ſiſter: for he feared to ſay, She is my wife; leſt, ſaid he, the men of the place ſhould kill me for Rebekah; becauſe ſhe was fair to look upon.

8 And it came to paſs when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philiſtines looked out at a window, and ſaw, and behold, Iſaac was ſporting with Rebekah his wife.

9 And Abimelech called Iſaac, and ſaid, Behold, of a ſurety ſhe is thy wife: and how ſaidſt thou, She is my ſiſter? And Iſaac ſaid unto him, Becauſe I ſaid, Leſt I die for her.

10 And Abimelech ſaid, What is this thou haſt done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou ſhouldeſt have brought guiltineſs upon us.

11 And Abimelech charged all his people, ſaying, He that toucheth this man or his wife, ſhall ſurely be put to death.

12 Then Iſaac ſowed in that land, and received in the ſame year an hundred-fold: and the Lord bleſſed him.

13 And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great:

14 For he had poſſeſſion of flocks, and poſſeſſion of herds, and great ſtore of ſervants: and the Philiſtines envied him.

15 For all the wells which his father's ſervants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philiſtines had ſtopped them, and filled them with earth.

16 And Abimelech ſaid unto Iſaac, Go from us: for thou art much mightier than we.

17 And Iſaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

18 And Iſaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philiſtines had ſtopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their

Go not down, &c. ver. 2.) God directs the ways of his children.
Sporting with Rebekah, ver. 8.) Uſing more familiar carriage than became brother and ſiſter.

names after the names by which his father had called them.

19 And Iſaac's ſervants digged in the valley, and found there a well of ſpringing water.

20 And the herdmen of Gerar did ſtrive with Iſaac's herdmen, ſaying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Eſek; becauſe they ſtrove with him.

21 And they digged another well, and ſtrove for that alſo: and he called the name of it Sitnah.

22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they ſtrove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he ſaid, For now the Lord hath made room for us, and we ſhall be fruitful in the land.

23 And he went up from thence to Beer-ſheba.

24 And the Lord appeared unto him the ſame night, and ſaid, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bleſs thee, and multiply thy ſeed for my ſervant Abraham's ſake.

25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord, and pitched his tent there: and there Iſaac's ſervants digged a well.

26 ¶ Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army.

27 And Iſaac ſaid unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, ſeeing ye hate me, and have ſent me away from you?

28 And they ſaid, We ſaw certainly that the Lord was with thee: and we ſaid, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee;

29 That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have ſent thee away in peace: thou art now the bleſſed of the Lord.

30 And he made them a feaſt, and they did eat and drink.

31 And they roſe up betimes in the morning, and ſware one to another: and Iſaac ſent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

32 And it came to paſs the ſame day, that Iſaac's ſervants came and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and ſaid unto him, We have found water.

33 And he called it Shebah: therefore the name of the city is Beer-ſheba unto this day.

34 ¶ And Eſau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Baſhemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite:

35 Which were a grief of mind unto Iſaac and to Rebekah.

CHAP. XXVII.

Iſaac ſendeth Eſau for veniſon, &c.

AND it came to paſs, that when Iſaac was old, and his eyes were dim, ſo that he could not ſee, he called Eſau his eldeſt ſon, and ſaid unto him, My ſon: and he ſaid unto him, Behold, here am I.

2 And he ſaid, Behold, now, I am old, I know not the day of my death.

Servant Abraham's ſake, ver. 24.) Not for his merit, but for the convenants' ſake made with him.
Eyes were dim, ver. 1.) Whereby God brought about his own purpoſe, of beſtowing the bleſſing upon Jacob.

3 Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me ſome veniſon;

4 And make me ſavoury meat, ſuch as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my ſoul may bleſs thee before I die.

5 And Rebekah heard when Iſaac ſpake to Eſau his ſon: and Eſau went to the field to hunt for veniſon, and to bring it.

6 ¶ And Rebekah ſpake unto Jacob her ſon, ſaying, Behold, I heard thy father ſpeak unto Eſau thy brother, ſaying,

7 Bring me veniſon, and make me ſavoury meat, that I may eat, and bleſs thee before the Lord before my death.

8 Now therefore, my ſon, obey my voice, according to that which I command thee.

9 Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them ſavoury meat for thy father, ſuch as he loveth:

10 And thou ſhalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bleſs thee before his death.

11 And Jacob ſaid to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Eſau my brother is a a hairy man, and I am a ſmooth man:

12 My father peradventure will feel me, and I ſhall ſeem to him as a deceiver; and I ſhall bring a curſe upon me, and not a bleſſing.

13 And his mother ſaid unto him, Upon me be thy curſe, my ſon: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them.

14 And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made ſavoury meat, ſuch as his father loved.

15 And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldeſt ſon Eſau, which were with her in the houſe, and put them upon Jacob her younger ſon.

16 And ſhe put the ſkins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the ſmooth of his neck.

17 And ſhe gave the ſavoury meat, and the bread, which ſhe had prepared, into the hand of her ſon Jacob.

18 And he came unto his father, and ſaid, My father: and he ſaid, Here am I; who art thou, my ſon?

19 And Jacob ſaid unto his father, I am Eſau thy firſt-born; I have done according as thou badeſt me: ariſe, I pray thee, ſit and eat of my veniſon, that thy ſoul may bleſs me.

20 And Iſaac ſaid unto his ſon, How is it that thou haſt found it ſo quickly, my ſon? and he ſaid, Becauſe the Lord thy God brought it to me.

21 And Iſaac ſaid unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my ſon, whether thou be my very ſon Eſau, or not.

22 And Jacob went near unto Iſaac his father, and he felt him; and ſaid, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Eſau.

23 And he diſcerned him not, becauſe his hands were hairy, as his brother Eſau's hands: ſo he bleſſed him.

24 And he ſaid, Art thou my very ſon Eſau? And he ſaid, I am.

25 And he ſaid, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my ſon's veniſon, that my ſoul may bleſs thee: and he brought

Bleſs thee before the Lord, ver. 7.) In his preſence, and by his authority.
Bleſſed him, ver. 23.) Which was confirmed by God.

it near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank.

26 And his father Iſaac ſaid unto him, Come near now, and kiſs me, my ſon.

27 And he came near, and kiſſed him: and he ſmelled the ſmell of his raiment, and bleſſed him, and ſaid, See, the ſmell of my ſon is as the ſmell of a field, which the Lord hath bleſſed:

28 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatneſs of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:

29 Let people ſerve thee, and nations bow down to thee; be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's ſons bow down to thee: curſed be every one that curſeth thee, and bleſſed be he that bleſſeth thee.

30 And it came to paſs, as ſoon as Iſaac had made an end of bleſſing Jacob, and Jacob was yet ſcarce gone out from the preſence of Iſaac his father, that Eſau his brother came in from his hunting.

31 And he alſo had made ſavoury meat, and brought it unto his father; and ſaid unto his father, Let my father ariſe, and eat of his ſon's veniſon, that thy ſoul may bleſs me.

32 And Iſaac his father ſaid unto him, Who art thou? and he ſaid, I am thy ſon, thy firſt-born Eſau.

33 And Iſaac trembled very exceedingly, and ſaid, Who? where is he that hath taken veniſon, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou cameſt, and have bleſſed him? yea, and he ſhall be bleſſed.

34 And when Eſau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and ſaid unto his father, Bleſs me, even me alſo, O my father.

35 And he ſaid, Thy brother came with ſubtilty, and hath taken away thy bleſſing.

36 And he ſaid, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath ſupplanted me theſe two times: he took away my birth-right; and behold, now he hath taken away my bleſſing: and he ſaid, Haſt thou not reſerved a bleſſing for me?

37 And Iſaac anſwered and ſaid unto Eſau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for ſervants; and with corn and wine have I ſuſtained him: and what ſhall I do now unto thee my ſon?

38 And Eſau ſaid unto his father, Haſt thou but one bleſſing, my father? bleſs me, even me alſo, O my father. And Eſau lifted up his voice, and wept.

39 And Iſaac his father anſwered, and ſaid unto him, Behold, thy dwelling ſhall be the fatneſs of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above;

40 And by thy ſword ſhalt thou live, and ſhalt ſerve thy brother: and it ſhall come to paſs when thou ſhalt have the dominion, that thou ſhalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

41 ¶ And Eſau hated Jacob, becauſe of the bleſſing wherewith his father bleſſed him: and Eſau ſaid in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand, then will I ſlay my brother Jacob.

42 ¶ And theſe words of Eſau her elder ſon were told to Rebekah: and ſhe ſent and called Jacob her younger

Kiſs me, my ſon, ver. 26.) A mark of that ſpecial favour wherewith he beſtowed the bleſſing.
Took away my birth-right, ver. 36.) A falſe accuſation; for he himſelf ſold it, and deſpiſed it.

ſon, and ſaid unto him, Behold, thy brother Eſau, as touching thee, doth comfort himſelf, purpoſing to kill thee.

43 Now therefore, my ſon, obey my voice: and ariſe, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran;

44 And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away;

45 Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou haſt done to him: then I will ſend, and fetch thee from thence: why ſhould I be deprived alſo of you both in one day?

46 And Rebekah ſaid to Iſaac, I am weary of my life, becauſe of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, ſuch as theſe which are of the daughters of the land, what good ſhall my life do me?

CHAP. XXVIII.

Jacob is bleſſed, and ſent to Padan-aram.

AND Iſaac called Jacob, and bleſſed him, and charged him, and ſaid unto him, Thou ſhalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

2 Ariſe, go to Padan-aram, to the houſe of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.

3 And God Almighty bleſs thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayeſt be a multitude of people:

4 And give thee the bleſſing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy ſeed with thee; that thou mayeſt inherit the land wherein thou art a ſtranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

5 And Iſaac ſent away Jacob: and he went to Padan-aram unto Laban, ſon of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Eſau's mother.

6 When Eſau ſaw that Iſaac had bleſſed Jacob, and ſent him away to Padan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he bleſſed him, he gave him a charge, ſaying, Thou ſhalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;

7 And that Jacob obeyed his father, and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram;

8 And Eſau ſeeing that the daughters of Canaan pleaſed not Iſaac his father;

9 Then went Eſau unto Iſhmael, and took unto the wives which he had, Mahalath the daughter of Iſhmael Abraham's ſon, the ſiſter of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

10 ¶ And Jacob went out from Beerſheba, and went toward Haran.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, becauſe the ſun was ſet: and he took of the ſtones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to ſleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold, a ladder ſet upon the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold, the angels of God aſcending and deſcending on it.

13 And behold, the Lord ſtood above it, and ſaid, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Iſaac:

[g] Both in one day, ver. 45.) One by murder, the other by the hand of juſtice, or ſome ſtroke of Divine vengeance.
Bleſſing of Abraham, ver. 4.) The inheritance of the land of Canaan, promiſed to Abraham.

the land whereon thou lieſt, to thee will I give it, and to thy ſeed.

14 And thy ſeed ſhall be as the duſt of the earth, and thou ſhalt ſpread abroad to the weſt, and to the eaſt, and to the north, and to the ſouth: and in thee and in thy ſeed ſhall all the families of the earth be bleſſed.

15 And behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goeſt, and will bring thee again into this land: for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have ſpoken to thee of.

16 And Jacob awaked out of his ſleep, and he ſaid, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not.

17 And he was afraid, and ſaid, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the houſe of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18 ¶ And Jacob roſe up early in the morning, and took the ſtone that he had put for his pillows, and ſet it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place Beth-el: but the name of that city was called Luz at the firſt.

20 ¶ And Jacob vowed a vow, ſaying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on;

21 So that I come again to my father's houſe in peace: then ſhall the Lord be my God:

22 And this ſtone, which I have ſet for a pillar, ſhall be God's houſe: and of all that thou ſhalt give me, I will ſurely give the tenth unto thee.

CHAP. XXIX.

Jacob coming to the well of Haran, is entertained by Laban.

THEN Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the eaſt.

2 And he looked, and behold, a well in the field, and lo, there were three flocks of ſheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great ſtone was upon the well's mouth.

3 And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the ſtone from the well's mouth, and watered the ſheep, and put the ſtone again upon the well's mouth in his place.

4 And Jacob ſaid unto them, My brethren, whence be ye? And they ſaid, Of Haran are we.

5 And he ſaid unto them, Know ye Laban the ſon of Nahor? And they ſaid, We know him.

6 And he ſaid unto them, Is he well; And they ſaid, He is well: and behold Rachel his daughter cometh with the ſheep.

7 And he ſaid, Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle ſhould be gathered together: water ye the ſheep, and go and feed them.

8 And they ſaid, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and till they roll the ſtone from the well's mouth; then we water the ſheep.

9 And while he yet ſpake with them, Rachel came with her father's ſheep: for ſhe kept them.

Shalt ſpread, &c. ver. 14.) In reſpect of his ſpiritual ſeed chiefly, the members of the true Church.
Afraid, ver. 17.) Stricken with a reverent fear of the majeſty of God, in reſpect of his own unworthineſs.

10 And it came to paſs, when Jacob ſaw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the ſheep of Laban his mother's brother; that Jacob went near, and rolled the ſtone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

11 And Jacob kiſſed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

12 And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's ſon: and ſhe ran and told her father.

13 ¶ And it came to paſs, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his ſiſter's ſon, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kiſſed him, and brought him to his houſe. And he told Laban all theſe things.

14 And Laban ſaid to him, Surely thou art my bone and my fleſh. And he abode with him the ſpace of a month.

15 And Laban ſaid unto Jacob, Becauſe thou art my brother, ſhouldeſt thou therefore ſerve me for nought? tell me what ſhall thy wages be?

16 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel:

17 Leah was tender-eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured.

18 ¶ And Jacob loved Rachel; and ſaid, I will ſerve thee ſeven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.

19 And Laban ſaid, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I ſhould give her to another man: abide with me.

20 And Jacob ſerved ſeven years for Rachel; and they ſeemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.

21 And Jacob ſaid unto Laban, Give me my wife (for my days are fulfilled) that I may go in unto her.

22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feaſt.

23 ¶ And it came to paſs in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.

24 And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah, Zilpah his maid, for an handmaid.

25 And it came to paſs, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he ſaid to Laban, What is this thou haſt done unto me? did not I ſerve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then haſt thou beguiled me?

26 And Laban ſaid, It muſt not be ſo done in our country, to give the younger before the firſt-born.

27 Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this alſo, for the ſervice which thou ſhalt ſerve with me yet ſeven other years.

28 ¶ And Jacob did ſo, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife alſo.

29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, Bilhah his handmaid, to be her maid.

30 And he went in alſo unto Rachel, and he loved alſo Rachel more than Leah, and ſerved with him yet ſeven other years.

31 And when the Lord ſaw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb; but Rachel was barren.

32 And Leah conceived, and bare a ſon, and ſhe called his name Reuben:

Took Leah, &c. ver. 23.) She being veiled, and in the dark, he could not diſcern the fraud.
Beguiled me, ver. 25.) As he beguiled Eſau of the bleſſing, ſo here he was ſerved himſelf.

for ſhe ſaid, Surely the Lord hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my huſband will love me.

33 And ſhe conceived again, and bare a ſon; and ſaid, Becauſe the Lord hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this ſon alſo: and ſhe called his name Simeon.

34 And ſhe conceived again, and bare a ſon; and ſaid, Now this time will my huſband be joined unto me, becauſe I have born him three ſons: therefore was his name called Levi.

35 And ſhe conceived again, and bare a ſon; and ſhe ſaid, Now will I praiſe the Lord: therefore ſhe called his name Judah, and left bearing.

CHAP. XXX.

Rachel's barrenneſs: ſhe beareth Joſeph: Jacob's covenant with Laban, &c.

AND when Rachel ſaw that ſhe bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her ſiſter; and ſaid unto Jacob, Give me children, or elſe I die.

2 And Jacob's anger was kindled againſt Rachel: and he ſaid, Am I in God's ſtead, who hath with-held from thee the fruit of the womb?

3 And ſhe ſaid, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and ſhe ſhall bear upon my knees, that I may alſo have children by her.

4 And ſhe gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her:

5 And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a ſon.

6 And Rachel ſaid, God hath judged me, and hath alſo heard my voice, and hath given me a ſon: therefore called ſhe his name Dan.

7 And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a ſecond ſon.

8 And Rachel ſaid, With great wreſtlings have I wreſtled with my ſiſter, and I have prevailed: and ſhe called his name Naphtali.

9 When Leah ſaw that ſhe had left bearing, ſhe took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife.

10 And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a ſon.

11 And Leah ſaid, A troop cometh: and ſhe called his name Gad.

12 And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a ſecond ſon.

13 And Leah ſaid, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me bleſſed: and ſhe called his name Aſher.

14 And Reuben went in the days of wheat-harveſt, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel ſaid to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy ſon's mandrakes.

15 And ſhe ſaid unto her, Is it a ſmall matter that thou haſt taken my huſband? and wouldeſt thou take away my ſon's mandrakes alſo? And Rachel ſaid, Therefore he ſhall lie with thee to-night for thy ſon's mandrakes.

16 And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and ſaid, Thou muſt come in unto me; for ſurely I have hired thee with my ſon's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.

Wreſtled with my ſiſter, ver. 8.) I and my ſiſter have ſtriven for children, and I have gotten my wiſh at length, beyond my ſiſter's expectation.

17 And God hearkened unto Leah, and ſhe conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth ſon.

18 And Leah ſaid, God hath given me my hire, becauſe I have given my maiden to my huſband: and ſhe called his name Iſſachar.

19 And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the ſixth ſon.

20 And Leah ſaid, God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my huſband dwell with me, becauſe I have borne him ſix ſons: and ſhe called his name Zebulun.

21 And afterwards ſhe bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah.

22 ¶ And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb.

23 And ſhe conceived and bare a ſon; and ſaid, God hath taken away my reproach:

24 And ſhe called his name Joſeph; and ſaid, The Lord ſhall add to me another ſon.

25 And it came to paſs, when Rachel had borne Joſeph, that Jacob ſaid unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country.

26 Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have ſerved thee, and let me go: for thou knoweſt my ſervice which I have done thee.

27 ¶ And Laban ſaid unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience, that the Lord hath bleſſed me for thy ſake.

28 And he ſaid, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it.

29 And he ſaid unto him, Thou knoweſt how I have ſerved thee, and how thy cattle was with me.

30 For it was little which thou hadſt before I came, and it is now increaſed unto a multitude; and the Lord hath bleſſed thee ſince my coming: and now when ſhall I provide for mine own houſe alſo?

31 And he ſaid, What ſhall I give thee? And Jacob ſaid, Thou ſhalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep thy flock:

32 I will paſs through all thy flock today, removing from thence all the ſpeckled and ſpotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the ſheep, and the ſpotted and ſpeckled among the goats: and of ſuch ſhall be my hire.

33 So ſhall my righteouſneſs anſwer for me in time to come, when it ſhall come for my hire before thy face: every one that is not ſpeckled and ſpotted among the goats, and brown among the ſheep, that ſhall be counted ſtolen with me.

34 And Laban ſaid, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.

35 And he removed that day the he-goats that were ring-ſtraked, and ſpotted, and all the ſhe-goats that were ſpeckled and ſpotted, and every one that had ſome white in it, and all the brown among the ſheep, and gave them into the hand of his ſons.

36 And he ſet three days journey betwixt himſelf and Jacob: and Jacob fed the reſt of Laban's flocks.

37 ¶ And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the haſel and cheſ-

My hire, ver. 28.) Inſtead of acknowledging her fault, ſhe boaſts, as if God had rewarded her for it.
My righteouſneſs, &c. ver. 33.) My juſt dealing ſhall be made evident by the colour of the cattle.

nut-tree; and pilled white ſtrakes in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods.

38 And he ſet the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering-troughs, when the flocks came to drink; that they ſhould conceive when they came to drink.

39 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ring-ſtraked, ſpeckled, and ſpotted.

40 And Jacob did ſeparate the lambs, and ſet the faces of the flocks toward the ring-ſtraked, and all the brown in the flock of Laban: and he put his own flocks by themſelves; and put them not unto Laban's cattle.

41 And it came to paſs whenſoever the ſtronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.

42 But when the cattle were feeble, he put them not in: ſo the feebler were Laban's, and the ſtronger Jacob's.

43 And the man increaſed exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maid-ſervants, and men-ſervants, and camels, and aſſes.

CHAP. XXXI.

Jacob departeth from Laban: Laban purſueth him, &c.

AND he heard the words of Laban's ſons, ſaying, Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory.

2 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and behold, it was not toward him as before.

3 And the Lord ſaid unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred: and I will be with thee.

4 And Jacob ſent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock,

5 And ſaid unto them, I ſee your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before: but the God of my father hath been with me.

6 And ye know that with all my power I have ſerved your father.

7 And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times: but God ſuffered him not to hurt me.

8 If he ſaid thus, The ſpeckled ſhall be thy wages; then all the cattle bare ſpeckled: and if he ſaid thus, The ring-ſtraked ſhall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ring-ſtraked.

9 Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me.

10 And it came to paſs at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and ſaw in a dream, and behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle were ring-ſtraked, ſpeckled, and griſled.

11 And the angel of God ſpake unto me in a dream, ſaying, Jacob: And I ſaid, Here am I.

12 And he ſaid, Lift up now thine eyes and ſee, all the rams which leap upon the cattle are ring-ſtraked, ſpeckled, and griſled: for I have ſeen all that Laban doeth unto thee.

Not unto Laban's cattle, ver. 40.) Leaſt by looking on them they ſhould bring forth like, i. e ſingle coloured.
Glory, ver. 1.) Wealth; which the poſſeſſors uſually glory in, and whereby they gain eſteem from others.

13 I am the God of Beth-el, where thou anointedſt the pillar, and where thou vowedſt a vow unto me: now ariſe, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.

14 And Rachel and Leah anſwered, and ſaid unto him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's houſe?

15 Are we not counted of him ſtrangers? for he hath ſold us, and hath quite devoured alſo our money.

16 For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that is our's and our children's: now then whatſoever God hath ſaid unto thee, do.

17 Then Jacob roſe up, and ſet his ſons and his wives upon camels;

18 And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Padan-aram; for to go to Iſaac his father in the land of Canaan.

19 And Laban went to ſhear his ſheep: and Rachel had ſtolen the images that were her father's.

20 And Jacob ſtole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled.

21 So he fled with all that he had: and he roſe up, and paſſed over the river, and ſet his face toward the mount Gilead.

22 ¶ And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled.

23 And he took his brethren with him, and purſued after him ſeven days journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead.

24 And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and ſaid unto him, Take heed that thou ſpeak not to Jacob either good or bad.

25 Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead.

26 And Laban ſaid to Jacob, What haſt thou done, that thou haſt ſtolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the ſword?

27 Wherefore didſt thou flee away ſecretly, and ſteal away from me, and didſt not tell me, that I might have ſent thee away with mirth, and with ſongs, with tabret, and with harp?

28 And haſt not ſuffered me to kiſs my ſons and my daughters? thou haſt now done fooliſhly in ſo doing.

29 It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father ſpake unto me yeſternight, ſaying, Take thou heed that thou ſpeak not to Jacob either good or bad.

30 And now though thou wouldeſt needs be gone, becauſe thou ſore longedſt after thy father's houſe; yet wherefore haſt thou ſtolen my gods?

31 And Jacob anſwered and ſaid to Laban, Becauſe I was afraid: for I ſaid, Peradventure thou wouldeſt take by force thy daughters from me.

32 With whomſoever thou findeſt thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren diſcern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee: for Jacob knew not that Rachel had ſtolen them.

Stolen the images, ver. 19.) Out of ſuperſtitious reſpect to them, being tainted with her native idolatry.
Daughters, as captives, ver. 26.) This is a ſlanderous ſuggeſtion; as they were not taken without their conſent.

33 And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maid-ſervants tents; but he found them not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent.

34 Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and ſat upon them: and Laban ſearched all the tent, but found them not.

35 And ſhe ſaid to her father, Let it not diſpleaſe my lord that I cannot riſe up before thee; for the cuſtom of women is upon me. And he ſearched, but found not the images.

36 And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Jacob anſwered, and ſaid to Laban, What is my treſpaſs? what is my ſin, that thou haſt ſo hotly purſued after me?

37 Whereas thou haſt ſearched all my ſtuff, what haſt thou found of all thy houſhold ſtuff; ſet it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us both.

38 This twenty years have I been with thee; thy ews and thy ſhe-goats have not caſt their young, and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten.

39 That which was torn of beaſts, I brought not unto thee: I bare the loſs of it; of my hand didſt thou require it whether ſtolen by day, or ſtolen by night.

40 Thus I was, in the day the drought conſumed me, and the froſt by night; and my ſleep departed from mine eyes.

41 Thus have I been twenty years in thy houſe: I ſerved thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and ſix years for thy cattle: and thou haſt changed my wages ten times.

42 Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Iſaac had been with me, ſurely thou hadſt ſent me away now empty. God hath ſeen mine affliction, and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yeſternight.

43 And Laban anſwered, and ſaid unto Jacob, Theſe daughters are my daughters, and theſe children are my children, and theſe cattle are my cattle, and all that thou ſeeſt is mine: and what can I do this day unto theſe my daughters, or unto their children which they have born?

44 ¶ Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witneſs between me and thee.

45 And Jacob took a ſtone, and ſet it up for a pillar.

46 And Jacob ſaid unto his brethren, Gather ſtones: and they took ſtones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap.

47 And Laban called it Jegar-ſahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed.

48 And Laban ſaid, This heap is a witneſs between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed:

49 And Mizpah; for he ſaid, The Lord watch between me and thee when we are abſent one from another.

50 If thou ſhalt afflict my daughters, or if thou ſhalt take other wives beſide my daughters, no man is with us: See, God is witneſs betwixt me and thee.

What can I do, ver. 43.) How ſhould I be able to hurt them, ſeeing they are my own fleſh and blood.
The fear of Iſaac, ver. 42.) The God whom Iſaac worſhipped with reverence and fear.

51 And Laban ſaid to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold this pillar, which I have caſt betwixt me and thee:

52 This heap be witneſs, and this pillar be witneſs, that I will not paſs over this heap to thee, and that thou ſhalt not paſs over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm.

53 The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob ſware by the fear of his father Iſaac.

54 Then Jacob offered ſacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount.

55 And early in the morning Laban roſe up, and kiſſed his ſons, and his daughters, and bleſſed them: and Laban departed, and returned unto his place.

CHAP. XXXII.

Jacob's viſion: his meſſage, and preſent to Eſau.

AND Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

2 And when Jacob ſaw them, he ſaid, This is God's hoſt: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

3 ¶ And Jacob ſent meſſengers before him to Eſau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

4 And he commanded them, ſaying, Thus ſhall ye ſpeak unto my lord Eſau; Thy ſervant Jacob ſaith thus, I have ſojourned with Laban, and ſtayed there until now:

5 And I have oxen, and aſſes, flocks and men-ſervants, and women-ſervants: and I have ſent to tell my lord that I may find grace in thy ſight.

6 And the meſſengers returned to Jacob, ſaying, We came to thy brother Eſau, and alſo he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.

7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid, and diſtreſſed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands;

8 And ſaid, If Eſau come to the one company, and ſmite it, then the other company which is left, ſhall eſcape.

9 And Jacob ſaid, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Iſaac, the Lord which ſaidſt unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:

10 I am not worthy of the leaſt of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou haſt ſhewed unto thy ſervant: for with my ſtaff I paſſed over this Jordan, and now I am become two bands.

11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Eſau: for I fear him, leſt he will come and ſmite me, and the mother with the children.

12 And thou ſaidſt, I will ſurely do thee good, and make thy ſeed as the ſand of the ſea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

13 ¶ And he lodged there that ſame night; and took of that which came to his hand, a preſent for Eſau his brother;

14 Two hundred ſhe-goats and twenty he-goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams;

[h] Bleſſed them, ver. 55.) Wiſhed them all happineſs and proſperity: thus God over-ruled his cruel mind.
I have oxen, &c. ver. 5.) And therefore will neither be a burthen to any, nor a diſcredit to my relations.

15 Thirty milch camels with their colts, forty kine and ten bulls, twenty ſhe-aſſes and ten foals.

16 And he delivered them into the hand of his ſervants, every drove by themſelves; and ſaid unto his ſervants, Paſs over before me, and put a ſpace betwixt drove and drove.

17 And he commanded the foremoſt, ſaying, When Eſau my brother meeteth thee, and aſketh thee, ſaying, Whoſe art thou? and whither goeſt thou? and whoſe are theſe before thee?

18 Then thou ſhalt ſay, They be thy ſervant Jacob's; it is a preſent ſent unto my lord Eſau: and behold alſo he is behind us.

19 And ſo commanded he the ſecond, and the third, and all that followed the droves, ſaying, On this manner ſhall ye ſpeak unto Eſau, when ye find him.

20 And ſay ye moreover, Behold, thy ſervant Jacob is behind us. For he ſaid, I will appeaſe him with the preſent that goeth before me, and afterward I will ſee his face: peradventure he will accept of me.

21 So went the preſent over before him: and himſelf lodged that night in the company.

22 And he roſe up that night, and took his two wives, and his two women-ſervants, and his eleven ſons, and paſſed over the ford Jabbok.

23 And he took them, and ſent them over the brook, and ſent over that he had.

24 ¶ And Jacob was left alone: and there wreſtled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

25 And when he ſaw that he prevailed not againſt him, he touched the hollow of his thigh: and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wreſtled with him.

26 And he ſaid, Let me go, for the day breaketh: and he ſaid, I will not let thee go, except thou bleſs me.

27 And he ſaid unto him, What is thy name? And he ſaid, Jacob.

28 And he ſaid, Thy name ſhall be called no more Jacob, but Iſrael: for as a prince haſt thou power with God and with men, and haſt prevailed.

29 And Jacob aſked him, and ſaid, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name: and he ſaid, Wherefore is it, that thou doſt aſk after my name? and he bleſſed him there.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have ſeen God face to face, and my life is preſerved.

31 And as he paſſed over Penuel the ſun roſe upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

32 Therefore the children of Iſrael eat not of the ſinew which ſhrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: becauſe he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the ſinew that ſhrank.

CHAP. XXXIII.

The kindneſs of Jacob and Eſau at their meeting, &c.

AND Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, Eſau came, and with him four hundred men. And he

Wreſtled a man with him, ver. 24.) God, or Chriſt in a bodily ſhape, with whom Jacob wreſtled both bodily, and ſpiritually, with prayers and tears, noting our ſpiritual conflict.

divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two hand-maids.

2 And he put the hand-maids and their children foremoſt, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joſeph hindermoſt.

3 And he paſſed over before them, and bowed himſelf to the ground ſeven times, until he came near to his brother.

4 And Eſau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kiſſed him: and they wept.

5 And he lifted up his eyes, and ſaw the women and the children; and ſaid, Who are thoſe with thee? and he ſaid, The children which God hath graciouſly given thy ſervant.

6 Then the hand-maidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themſelves.

7 And Leah alſo with her children came near, and bowed themſelves: and after came Joſeph near and Rachel, and they bowed themſelves.

8 And he ſaid, What meaneſt thou by all this drove, which I met? and he ſaid, Theſe are to find grace in the ſight of my lord.

9 And Eſau ſaid, I have enough, my brother, keep that thou haſt unto thyſelf.

10 And Jacob ſaid, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy ſight, then receive my preſent at my hand: for therefore I have ſeen thy face, as though I had ſeen the face of God, and thou waſt pleaſed with me.

11 Take, I pray thee, my bleſſing that is brought to thee; becauſe God hath dealt graciouſly with me, and becauſe I have enough: and he urged him, and he took it.

12 And he ſaid, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee.

13 And he ſaid unto him, My lord knoweth that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with me, and if men ſhould overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.

14 Let my lord, I pray thee, paſs over before his ſervant: and I will lead on ſoftly, according as the cattle that goeth before me, and the children, be able to endure; until I come unto my lord unto Seir.

15 And Eſau ſaid, Let me now leave with thee ſome of the folk that are with me: and he ſaid, What needeth it? let me find grace in the ſight of my lord.

16 So Eſau returned that day on his way unto Seir.

17 And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an houſe, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

18 ¶ And Jacob came to Shalem, a city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram; and pitched his tent before the city.

19 And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had ſpread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor Shechem's father, for an hundred pieces of money.

20 And he erected there an altar, and called it El-elohe-iſrael.

For therefore I have ſeen, &c. ver. 10.) Thy meeting me in this peaceable manner, is very comfortable and refreſhing to me; and an evident token of God's favour to me.

CHAP. XXXIV.

Dinah raviſhed: the Shechemites are circumciſed, &c.

AND Dinah the daughter of Leah, which ſhe bare unto Jacob, went out to ſee the daughters of the land.

2 And when Shechem the ſon of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, ſaw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.

3 And his ſoul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damſel, and ſpake kindly unto the damſel.

4 And Shechem ſpake unto his father Hamor, ſaying, Get me this damſel to wife.

5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter, (now his ſons were with his cattle in the field:) and Jacob held his peace until they were come.

6 And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.

7 And the ſons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, becauſe he had wrought folly in Iſrael, in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.

8 And Hamor communed with them, ſaying, The ſoul of my ſon Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife.

9 And make ye marriages with us: and give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.

10 And ye ſhall dwell with us: and the land ſhall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get ye poſſeſſions therein.

11 And Shechem ſaid unto her father, and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye ſhall ſay unto me I will give.

12 Aſk me never ſo much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye ſhall ſay unto me: but give me the damſel to wife.

13 And the ſons of Jacob anſwered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and ſaid; becauſe he had defiled Dinah their ſiſter.

14 And they ſaid unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our ſiſter to one that is uncircumciſed: for that were a reproach unto us:

15 But in this will we conſent unto you: If ye will be as we be, that every male of you be circumciſed;

16 Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.

17 But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumciſed; then we will take our daughter, and we will be gone.

18 And their words pleaſed Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's ſon.

19 And the young man deferred not to do the thing, becauſe he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he was more honourable than all the houſe of his father.

20 ¶ And Hamor and Shechem his ſon came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, ſaying,

More honourable, ver. 19.] More eſteemed by the people, which was the reaſon he prevailed with them in ſo ſtrange a requeſt.

21 Theſe men are peaceable with us, therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold, it is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

22 Only herein will the men conſent unto us, for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumciſed, as they are circumciſed.

23 Shall not their cattle, and their ſubſtance, and every beaſt of their's be our's? only let us conſent unto them, and they will dwell with us.

24 And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his ſon hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city: and every male was circumciſed, all that went out of the gate of his city.

25 ¶ And it came to paſs on the third day, when they were ſore, that two of the ſons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his ſword, and came upon the city boldly, and ſlew all the males.

26 And they ſlew Hamor and Shechem his ſon with the edge of the ſword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's houſe, and went out.

27 ¶ The ſons of Jacob came upon the ſlain, and ſpoiled the city; becauſe they had defiled their ſiſter.

28 They took their ſheep, and their oxen, and their aſſes, and that which was in the city, and that which was in the field.

29 And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and ſpoiled even all that was in the houſe.

30 And Jacob ſaid to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me to make me to ſtink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites, and the Perizzites: and I being few in number, they ſhall gather themſelves together againſt me, and ſlay me; and I ſhall be deſtroyed, I and my houſe.

31 And they ſaid, Should he deal with our ſiſter, as with an harlot?

CHAP. XXXV.

God ſendeth Jacob to Beth-el: he purgeth his houſe of idols, &c.

AND God ſaid unto Jacob, Ariſe, go up to Beth-el, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddeſt from the face of Eſau thy brother.

2 ¶ Then Jacob ſaid unto his houſhold, and to all that were with him, Put away the ſtrange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments:

3 And let us ariſe, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto God, who anſwered me in the day of my diſtreſs, and was with me in the way which I went.

4 And they gave unto Jacob all the ſtrange gods which were in their hand, and all their ear-rings which were in their ears: and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem.

5 And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not purſue after the ſons of Jacob.

Every male was circumciſed, ver. 24.) Which being done without knowledge and faith, was a profanation of God's Ordinance; for which they were juſtly puniſhed.

6 ¶ So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan, that is Beth-el: he and all the people that were with him.

7 And he built there an altar, and called the place El-beth-el: becauſe there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother.

8 But Deborah Rebekah's nurſe died, and ſhe was buried beneath Beth-el, under an oak: and the name of it was called Allon-bachuth.

9 And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padan-aram; and bleſſed him.

10 And God ſaid unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name ſhall not be called any more Jacob, but Iſrael ſhall be thy name; and he called his name Iſrael.

11 And God ſaid unto him, I am God Almighty; be fruitful and multiply: a nation and a company of nations ſhall be of thee, and kings ſhall come out of thy loins;

12 And the land which I gave Abraham and Iſaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy ſeed after thee will I give the land.

13 And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him.

14 And Jacob ſet up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, even a pillar of ſtone: and he poured a drink-offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon.

15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God ſpake with him, Beth-el.

16 And they journeyed from Beth-el: and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and ſhe had hard labour.

17 And it came to paſs when ſhe was in hard labour, that the midwife ſaid unto her, Fear not; thou ſhalt have this ſon alſo.

18 And it came to paſs as her ſoul was in departing (for ſhe died) that ſhe called his name Ben-oni: but his father called him Benjamin.

19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Beth-lehem.

20 And Jacob ſet a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

21 And Iſrael journeyed and ſpread his tent beyond the tower of Edar.

22 And it came to paſs when Iſrael dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Iſrael heard it. Now the ſons of Jacob were twelve:

23 The ſons of Leah; Reuben Jacob's firſt-born, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Iſſachar, and Zebulun:

24 The ſons of Rachel; Joſeph, and Benjamin:

25 And the ſons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid; Dan, and Naphtali:

26 And the ſons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid; Gad, and Aſher: theſe are the ſons of Jacob, which were born to him in Padan-aram.

27 And Jacob came unto Iſaac his father unto Mamre, unto the city of Arbah (which is Hebron) where Abraham and Iſaac ſojourned.

Iſrael ſhall be thy name, ver. 10.) God confirms the change of his name, to aſſure him that as he prevailed over Eſau, ſo now he ſhould prevail over thoſe of whom he was afraid.

28 ¶ And the days of Iſaac were an hundred and fourſcore years.

29 And Iſaac gave up the ghoſt and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his ſons Eſau and Jacob buried him.

CHAP. XXXVI.

Eſau's wives: his removing to mount Seir.

NOW theſe are the generations of Eſau who is Edom.

2 ¶ Eſau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite;

3 And Baſhemath Iſhmael's daughter, ſiſter of Nebajoth.

4 And Adah bare to Eſau, Eliphaz: and Baſhemath bare Reuel;

5 And Aholibamah bare Jeuſh, and Jaalam, and Korah: theſe are the ſons of Eſau, which were born unto him in the land of Canaan.

6 ¶ And Eſau took his wives, and his ſons, and his daughters, and all the perſons of his houſe, and his cattle, and all his beaſts, and all his ſubſtance, which he had got in the land of Canaan; and went into the country, from the face of his brother Jacob.

7 For their riches were more than that they might dwell together: and the land wherein they were ſtrangers could not bear them, becauſe of their cattle.

8 Thus dwelt Eſau in mount Seir: Eſau is Edom.

9 ¶ And theſe are the generations of Eſau the father of the Edomites in mount Seir:

10 Theſe are the names of Eſau's ſons; Eliphaz the ſon of Adah the wife of Eſau, Reuel the ſon of Baſhemath the wife of Eſau.

11 And the ſons of Eliphaz were, Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz.

12 And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Eſau's ſon: and ſhe bare to Eliphaz Amalek: theſe were the ſons of Adah Eſau's wife.

13 And theſe are the ſons of Reuel; Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah: theſe were the ſons of Baſhemath Eſau's wife.

14 And theſe were the ſons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon, Eſau's wife: and ſhe bare to Eſau, Jeuſh, and Jaalam, and Korah.

15 Theſe were dukes of the ſons of Eſau: the ſons of Eliphaz the firſt-born ſon of Eſau; duke Teman, duke Omar, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz.

16 Duke Korah, duke Gatam, and duke Amalek: theſe are the dukes that came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; theſe were the ſons of Adah.

17 And theſe are the ſons of Reuel Eſau's ſon; duke Nahath, duke Zerah, duke Shammah, duke Mizzah; theſe are the dukes that came of Reuel in the land of Edom: theſe are the ſons of Baſhemath Eſau's wife.

18 And theſe are the ſons of Aholibamah Eſau's wife; duke Jeuſh, duke Jaalam, duke Korah: theſe were the

The generations of Eſau, &c. ver. 1.) This ſhews the accompliſhment of that Oracle, chap. 25. 23. as alſo of that temporal bleſſing wherewith his father bleſſed him; and likewiſe the promiſe to Abram.

dukes that came of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, Eſau's wife.

19 Theſe are the ſons of Eſau, (who is Edom;) and theſe are their dukes.

20 Theſe are the ſons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah.

21 And Diſhon, and Ezer, and Diſhan: theſe are the dukes of the Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom.

22 And the children of Lotan, were Hori, and Heman: and Lotan's ſiſter was Timna.

23 And the children of Shobal were theſe; Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.

24 And theſe are the children of Zibeon; both Ajah and Anah: this was that Anah, that found the mules in the wilderneſs, as he fed the aſſes of Zibeon his father.

25 And the children of Anah were theſe; Diſhon, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah.

26 And theſe are the children of Diſhon; Hemdan, and Eſhban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

27 The children of Ezer are theſe; Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Achan.

28 The children of Diſhan are theſe; Uz, and Aran.

29 Theſe are the dukes that came of the Horites; duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah.

30 Duke Diſhon, duke Ezer, duke Diſhan: theſe are the dukes that came of Hori, among their dukes in the land of Seir.

31 And theſe are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Iſrael.

32 And Bela, the ſon of Beor, reigned in Edom: and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

33 And Bela died, and Jobab the ſon of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his ſtead.

34 And Jobab died, and Huſham of the land of Temani reigned in his ſtead.

35 And Huſham died, and Hadad the ſon of Bedad, who ſmote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his ſtead: and the name of his city was Avith.

36 And Hadad died, and Samlah of Maſrekah reigned in his ſtead.

37 And Samlah died, and Saul of Rehoboth by the river, reigned in his ſtead.

38 And Saul died, and Baal-hanan the ſon of Achbor reigned in his ſtead.

39 And Baal-hanan the ſon of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his ſtead: and the name of his city was Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

40 And theſe are the names of the dukes that came of Eſau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke Timnah, duke Alvah, duke Jetheth.

41 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,

42 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar,

43 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram: theſe be the dukes of Edom, according to their habitations, in the land of their poſſeſſion: he is Eſau the father of the Edomites.

Mules, &c. ver. 24.] Put horſes and aſſes together, and thereby begat this ſort of creature.

CHAP. XXXVII.

Joſeph is hated of his brethren, &c.

AND Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a ſtranger, in the land of Canaan.

2 ¶ Theſe are the generations of Jacob. Joſeph being ſeventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the ſons of Bilhah, and with the ſons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joſeph brought unto his father their evil report.

3 Now Iſrael loved Joſeph more than all his children, becauſe he was the ſon of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

4 And when his brethren ſaw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not ſpeak peaceably unto him.

5 ¶ And Joſeph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

6 And he ſaid unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed.

7 For behold, we were binding ſheaves in the field, and lo, my ſheaf aroſe, and alſo ſtood upright; and behold, your ſheaves ſtood round about, and made obeiſance to my ſheaf.

8 And his brethren ſaid to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or ſhalt thou indeed have dominion over us? and they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and ſaid, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more: and behold, the ſun and the moon and the eleven ſtars made obeiſance to me.

10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and ſaid unto him, What is this dream that thou haſt dreamed? ſhall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourſelves to thee to the earth?

11 And his brethren envied him: but his father obſerved the ſaying.

12 And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.

13 And Iſrael ſaid unto Joſeph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will ſend thee unto them. And he ſaid to him, Here am I.

14 And he ſaid to him, Go, I pray thee, ſee whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he ſent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

15 And a certain man found him, and behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man aſked him, ſaying, What ſeekeſt thou?

16 And he ſaid, I ſeek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks.

17 And the man ſaid, They are departed hence: for I heard them ſay, Let us go to Dothan. And Joſeph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.

18 ¶ And when they ſaw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conſpired againſt him to ſlay him.

19 And they ſaid one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.

[i] The generations, &c. ver. 2.) The ſtory of what befel Jacob in ſome of his poſterity.
Rebuked him, ver. 10.) Partly through ignorance, and partly through policy, to abate the hatred of his brethren.

20 Come now therefore, and let us ſlay him, and caſt him into ſome pit, and we will ſay, Some evil beaſt hath devoured him: and we ſhall ſee what will become of his dreams.

21 And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and ſaid, Let us not kill him.

22 And Reuben ſaid unto them, Shed no blood, but caſt him into this pit that is in the wilderneſs, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

23 And it came to paſs when Joſeph was come unto his brethren, that they ſtript Joſeph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him;

24 And they took him and caſt him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

25 And they ſat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and behold, a company of Iſhmeelites came from Gilead, with their camels bearing ſpicery and balm, and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt.

26 And Judah ſaid unto his brethren, What profit is it if we ſlay our brother, and conceal his blood?

27 Come, and let us ſell him to the Iſhmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother, and our fleſh: and his brethren were content.

28 Then there paſſed by Midianites, merchant-men: and they drew and lifted up Joſeph out of the pit, and ſold Joſeph to the Iſhmeelites for twenty pieces of ſilver: and they brought Joſeph into Egypt.

29 And Reuben returned unto the pit; and behold, Joſeph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes.

30 And he returned unto his brethren, and ſaid, The child is not; and I, whither ſhall I go?

31 And they took Joſeph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood.

32 And they ſent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and ſaid, This have we found: know now whether it be thy ſon's coat or no.

33 And he knew it, and ſaid, It is my ſon's coat: an evil beaſt hath devoured him: Joſeph is without doubt rent in pieces.

34 And Jacob rent his clothes, and put ſackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his ſon many days.

35 And all his ſons and all his daughters roſe up to comfort him: but he refuſed to be comforted; and he ſaid, For I will go down into the grave unto my ſon, mourning: thus his father wept for him.

36 ¶ And the Midianites ſold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

Judah begetteth Er, Onan, and Shelah: Er marrieth Tamar, &c.

AND it came to paſs at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whoſe name was Hirah.

Rent his clothes, ver. 29.) Tore his upper garment, to expreſs the great grief in his heart; and in token that they were unworthy to have any clothes to cover their nakedneſs.

2 And Judah ſaw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whoſe name was Shuah; and he took her, and went in unto her.

3 And ſhe conceived and bare a ſon; and he called his name Er.

4 And ſhe conceived again, and bare a ſon; and ſhe called his name Onan.

5 And ſhe yet again conceived, and bare a ſon; and called his name Shelah; and he was at Chezib, when ſhe bare him.

6 ¶ And Judah took a wife for Er his firſt-born, whoſe name was Tamar.

7 And Er, Judah's firſt-born, was wicked in the ſight of the Lord; and the Lord ſlew him.

8 ¶ And Judah ſaid unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raiſe up ſeed to thy brother.

9 And Onan knew that the ſeed ſhould not be his: and it came to paſs, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he ſpilled it on the ground, leſt that he ſhould give ſeed to his brother.

10 And the thing which he did diſpleaſed the Lord: wherefore he ſlew him alſo.

11 Then ſaid Judah to Tamar his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow at thy father's houſe, till Shelah my ſon be grown; (for he ſaid, Leſt peradventure he die alſo as his brethren did:) and Tamar went and dwelt in her father's houſe.

12 ¶ And in proceſs of time the daughter of Shuah Judah's wife died: and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his ſheep-ſhearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

13 And it was told Tamar, ſaying, Behold thy father-in-law goeth up to Timnath to ſhear his ſheep.

14 And ſhe put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herſelf, and ſat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath: for ſhe ſaw that Shelah was grown, and ſhe was not given unto him to wife.

15 When Judah ſaw her, he thought her to be an harlot; becauſe ſhe had covered her face.

16 And he turned unto her by the way, and ſaid, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that ſhe was his daughter-in-law:) and ſhe ſaid, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayeſt come in unto me?

17 And he ſaid, I will ſend thee a kid from the flock: and ſhe ſaid, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou ſend it?

18 And he ſaid, What pledge ſhall I give thee? and ſhe ſaid, Thy ſignet, and thy bracelets, and thy ſtaff that is in thine hand: and he gave it her, and came in unto her, and ſhe conceived by him.

19 And ſhe aroſe and went away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

20 And Judah ſent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not.

21 Then he aſked the men of that place, ſaying, Where is the harlot, that was openly by the way-ſide? and they ſaid, There was no harlot in this place.

22 And he returned to Judah, and ſaid, I cannot find her; and alſo the

Spilled it on the ground, ver. 9.) This ſtory ſeems to be recorded by the Holy Ghoſt, purpoſely to condemn not only Onan's envious intent, but the act itſelf, and to ſhew how diſpleaſing it is to God, as perverting the deſign and intent of nature, &c.

men of the place ſaid, That there was no harlot in this place.

23 And Judah ſaid, Let her take it to her, leſt we be ſhamed: behold, I ſent this kid, and thou haſt not found her.

24 And it came to paſs about three months after, that it was told Judah, ſaying, Tamar thy daughter-in-law hath played the harlot: and alſo behold, ſhe is with child by whoredom: and Judah ſaid, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.

25 When ſhe was brought forth, ſhe ſent to her father-in-law, ſaying, By the man whoſe theſe are, am I with child: and ſhe ſaid, Diſcern, I pray thee, whoſe are theſe, the ſignet, and bracelets, and ſtaff.

26 And Judah acknowledged them, and ſaid, She hath been more righteous than I; becauſe that I gave her not to Shelah my ſon; and he knew her again no more.

27 And it came to paſs in the time of her travail, that behold, twins were in her womb.

28 And it came to paſs when ſhe travailed, that the one put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a ſcarlet thread, ſaying, This came out firſt.

29 And it came to paſs as he drew back his hand, that behold, his brother came out: and ſhe ſaid, How haſt thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: therefore his name was called Pharez.

30 And afterward came out his brother, that had the ſcarlet thread upon his hand; and his name was called Zarah.

CHAP. XXXIX.

Joſeph advanced in Potiphar's houſe: reſiſteth his miſtreſs' temptation, &c.

AND Joſeph was brought down to Egypt: and Potiphar an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Iſhmeelites, which had brought him down thither.

2 And the Lord was with Joſeph, and he was a proſperous man: and he was in the houſe of his maſter the Egyptian.

3 And his maſter ſaw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to proſper in his hand.

4 And Joſeph found grace in his ſight, and he ſerved him: and he made him overſeer over his houſe, and all that he had he put into his hand.

5 And it came to paſs from the time that he had made him overſeer in his houſe, and over all that he had, that the Lord bleſſed the Egyptian's houſe for Joſeph's ſake: and the bleſſing of the Lord was upon all that he had, in the houſe, and in the field.

6 And he left all that he had in Joſeph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, ſave the bread which he did eat. And Joſeph was a goodly perſon, and well-favoured.

7 ¶ And it came to paſs after theſe things, that his maſter's wife caſt her eyes upon Joſeph; and ſhe ſaid, Lie with me.

8 But he refuſed, and ſaid unto his maſter's wife, Behold, my maſter wotteth not what is with me in the houſe,

Was in the houſe, &c. ver. 2.) He ran not away, but applied himſelf patiently to that low eſtate wherein God's Providence had ſet him.

and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand.

9 There is none greater in this houſe than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me, but thee, becauſe thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedneſs, and ſin againſt God?

10 And it came to paſs as ſhe ſpake to Joſeph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

11 And it came to paſs about this time, that Joſeph went into the houſe to do his buſineſs; and there was none of the men of the houſe there within.

12 And ſhe caught him by his garment, ſaying, Lie with me; and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

13 ¶ And it came to paſs, when ſhe ſaw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth,

14 That ſhe called unto the men of her houſe, and ſpake unto them, ſaying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us: he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice:

15 And it came to paſs, when he heard that I lifted up my voice, and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.

16 And ſhe laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.

17 And ſhe ſpake unto him according to theſe words, ſaying, The Hebrew ſervant which thou haſt brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me:

18 And it came to paſs, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out.

19 And it came to paſs when his maſter heard the words of his wife, which ſhe ſpake unto him, ſaying, After this manner did thy ſervant to me; that his wrath was kindled.

20 ¶ And Joſeph's maſter took him, and put him into the priſon, a place where the king's priſoners were bound: and he was there in the priſon.

21 But the Lord was with Joſeph, and ſhewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the ſight of the keeper of the priſon.

22 And the keeper of the priſon committed to Joſeph's hand all the priſoners that were in the priſon; and whatſoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

23 The keeper of the priſon looked not to any thing that was under his hand; becauſe the Lord was with him; and that which he did the Lord made it to proſper.

CHAP. XL.

The butler and baker of Pharaoh are impriſoned, &c.

AND it came to paſs after theſe things that the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker had offended their lord the king of Egypt.

2 And Pharaoh was wroth againſt two of his officers, againſt the chief of the butlers, and againſt the chief of the bakers.

3 And he put them in ward in the houſe of the captain of the guard, into the priſon, the place where Joſeph was bound.

To mock us, ver. 14.] To abuſe us, and ſo cauſe us to be diſgraced.
Put them in ward, ver. 3.) We here ſee the fickle eſtate of favourites and courtiers, and on what ſlippery ground they ſtand.

4 ¶ And the captain of the guard charged Joſeph with them, and he ſerved them: and they continued a ſeaſon in ward.

5 And they dreamed a dream, both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream: the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which were bound in the priſon.

6 And Joſeph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and behold, they were ſad.

7 And he aſked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his lord's houſe, ſaying, Wherefore look ye ſo ſadly to-day?

8 And they ſaid unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joſeph ſaid unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joſeph, and ſaid to him, In my dream, behold a vine was before me;

10 And in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, and her bloſſoms ſhot forth; and the cluſters thereof brought forth ripe grapes:

11 And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; and I took the grapes and preſſed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.

12 And Joſeph ſaid unto him, This is the interpretation of it: the three branches are three days:

13 Yet within three days ſhall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and reſtore thee unto thy place: and thou ſhalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou waſt his butler.

14 But think on me when it ſhall be well with thee, and ſhew kindneſs, I pray thee, unto me; and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this houſe.

15 For indeed I was ſtolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here alſo have I done nothing that they ſhould put me into the dungeon.

16 When the chief baker ſaw that the interpretation was good, he ſaid unto Joſeph, I alſo was in my dream, and behold, I had three white baſkets on my head:

17 And in the uppermoſt baſket there was of all manner of bake meats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the baſket upon my head.

18 And Joſeph anſwered, and ſaid, This is the interpretation thereof: the three baſkets are three days:

19 Yet within three days ſhall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and ſhall hang thee on a tree: and the birds ſhall eat thy fleſh from off thee.

20 And it came to paſs the third day, which was Pharaoh's birth-day, that he made a feaſt unto all his ſervants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler, and of the chief baker among his ſervants.

21 And he reſtored the chief butler unto his butlerſhip again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand:

22 But he hanged the chief baker: as Joſeph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joſeph, but forgat him.

Bring me out, &c. ver. 14.] Joſeph, though patient in adverſity, yet uſes all good means to procure his liberty.
The Hebrews, ver. 15.] The Land of Canaan, wherein the poſterity of Abram dwelt, who was called an Hebrew.

CHAP. XLI.

Pharaoh's two dreams, &c.

AND it came to paſs at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed, and behold, he ſtood by the river.

2 And behold, there came up out of the river, ſeven well-favoured kine, and fat-fleſhed; and they fed in a meadow.

3 And behold, ſeven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill-favoured, and lean-fleſhed; and ſtood by the other kine upon the brink of the river:

4 And the ill-favoured, and lean-fleſhed kine, did eat up the ſeven well-favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke.

5 And he ſlept and dreamed the ſecond time: and behold, ſeven ears of corn came up upon one ſtalk, rank and good.

6 And behold, ſeven thin ears, and blaſted with the eaſt-wind, ſprung up after them.

7 And the ſeven thin ears devoured the ſeven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and behold, it was a dream.

8 And it came to paſs in the morning that his ſpirit was troubled: and he ſent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wiſe men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

9 Then ſpake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, ſaying, I do remember my faults this day:

10 Pharaoh was wroth with his ſervants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guard's houſe, both me and the chief baker:

11 And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he: we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream:

12 And there was there with us a young man, an Hebrew, ſervant of the captain of the guard: and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret:

13 And it came to paſs, as he interpreted to us, ſo it was: me he reſtored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

14 Then Pharaoh ſent and called Joſeph, and they brought him haſtily out of the dungeon: and he ſhaved himſelf, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

15 And Pharaoh ſaid unto Joſeph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard ſay of thee, that thou canſt underſtand a dream, to interpret it.

16 And Joſeph anſwered Pharaoh, ſaying, It is not in me: God ſhall give Pharaoh an anſwer of peace.

17 And Pharaoh ſaid unto Joſeph, In my dream, behold, I ſtood upon the bank of the river:

18 And behold, there came up out of the river ſeven kine, fat-fleſhed, and well-favoured; and they fed in a meadow:

19 And behold, ſeven other kine came up after them, poor, and very ill-favoured, and lean-fleſhed, ſuch as I

It was a dream, ver. 7.) A divine ſupernatural dream, ſent immediately by God.
The magicians, ver. 8.) Such as pretended to tell events, interpret hidden things, foretel future events, &c.

never ſaw in all the land of Egypt for badneſs:

20 And the lean and the ill-favoured kine did eat up the firſt ſeven fat kine:

21 And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were ſtill ill-favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke.

22 And I ſaw in my dream, and behold, ſeven ears came up in one ſtalk, full and good:

23 And behold, ſeven ears, withered, thin, and blaſted with the eaſt-wind, ſprung up after them:

24 And the thin ears devoured the ſeven good ears: and I told this unto the magicians: but there was none that could declare it unto me.

25 ¶ And Joſeph ſaid unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath ſhewed Pharaoh what he is about to do.

26 The ſeven good kine are ſeven years; and the ſeven good ears are ſeven years; the dream is one:

27 And the ſeven thin and ill-favoured kine that came up after them, are ſeven years; and the ſeven empty ears blaſted with the eaſt-wind, ſhall be ſeven years of famine.

28 This is the thing which I have ſpoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do, he ſheweth unto Pharaoh.

29 Behold, there come ſeven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:

30 And there ſhall ariſe after them ſeven years of famine; and all the plenty ſhall be forgotten in the land of Egypt: and the famine ſhall conſume the land:

31 And the plenty ſhall not be known in the land, by reaſon of that famine following; for it ſhall be very grievous:

32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is becauſe the thing is eſtabliſhed by God, and God will ſhortly bring it to paſs.

33 ¶ Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man diſcreet and wiſe, and ſet him over the land of Egypt:

34 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the ſeven plenteous years:

35 And let them gather all the food of thoſe good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities:

36 And that food ſhall be for ſtore to the land againſt the ſeven years of famine, which ſhall be in the land of Egypt; that the land periſh not through the famine.

37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his ſervants.

38 ¶ And Pharaoh ſaid unto his ſervants, Can we find ſuch a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

39 And Pharaoh ſaid unto Joſeph, Foraſmuch as God hath ſhewed thee all this, there is none ſo diſcreet and wiſe as thou art:

40 Thou ſhalt be over my houſe, and according unto thy word ſhall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

Dream was doubled, ver. 32.) God here teaches the reaſon why things are ſundry times repeated in the Scriptures.
Spirit of God, ver. 38.) Such prudence, as God by his Spirit has ſo ſingularly beſtowed on this man.

41 And Pharaoh ſaid unto Joſeph, See, I have ſet thee over all the land of Egypt.

42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joſeph's hand, and arrayed him in veſtures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck:

43 And he made him to ride in the ſecond chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.

44 And Pharaoh ſaid unto Joſeph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee ſhall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

45 And Pharaoh called Joſeph's name Zaphnath-paaneah: and he gave him to wife Aſenath the daughter of Potipherah prieſt of On. And Joſeph went out over all the land of Egypt.

46 And Joſeph was thirty years old when he ſtood before Pharaoh king of Egypt: and Joſeph went out from the preſence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

47 And in the ſeven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

48 And he gathered up all the food of the ſeven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field which was round about every city, laid he up in the ſame.

49 And Joſeph gathered corn as the ſand of the ſea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number.

50 ¶ And unto Joſeph were born two ſons, before the years of famine came: which Aſenath, the daughter of Potipherah prieſt of On, bare unto him.

51 And Joſeph called the name of the firſt-born Manaſſeh: for God, ſaid he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's houſe.

52 And the name of the ſecond called he Ephraim: for God hath cauſed me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

53 And the ſeven years of plenteouſneſs that was in the land of Egypt were ended.

54 And the ſeven years of dearth began to come, according as Joſeph had ſaid: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

55 And when all the land of Egypt was famiſhed, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh ſaid unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joſeph; what he ſaith to you, do.

56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joſeph opened all the ſtore-houſes, and ſold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed ſore in the land of Egypt.

57 And all countries came into Egypt to Joſeph for to buy corn; becauſe that the famine was ſo ſore in all lands.

CHAP. XLII.

Jacob ſendeth his ten ſons to buy corn in Egypt, &c.

NOW when Jacob ſaw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob ſaid unto his ſons, Why do ye look one upon another?

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Ring from his hand, ver. 42.) An enſign of honor, and of his authority to ſign all things in his name.
Forget all my toil, ver. 51.) Expelled all ſorrowful remembrance of it by my preſent comfort and glory.

2 And he ſaid, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get ye down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.

3 And Joſeph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.

4 But Benjamin, Joſeph's brother, Jacob ſent not with his brethren: for he ſaid, Leſt peradventure miſchief befal him.

5 And the ſons of Iſrael came to buy corn among thoſe that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

6 ¶ And Joſeph was the governor over the land, and he it was that ſold to all the people of the land: and Joſeph's brethren came, and bowed down themſelves before him, with their faces, to the earth.

7 And Joſeph ſaw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himſelf ſtrange unto them, and ſpake roughly unto them; and he ſaid unto them, Whence come ye? And they ſaid, From the land of Canaan to buy food.

8 And Joſeph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

9 And Joſeph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and ſaid unto them, Ye are ſpies; to ſee the nakedneſs of the land ye are come.

10 And they ſaid unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy ſervants come.

11 We are all one man's ſons; we are true men, thy ſervants are no ſpies.

12 And he ſaid unto them, Nay, but to ſee the nakedneſs of the land ye are come.

13 And they ſaid, Thy ſervants are twelve brethren, the ſons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngeſt is this day with our father, and one is not.

14 And Joſeph ſaid unto them, That is it that I ſpake unto you, ſaying, Ye are ſpies:

15 Hereby ye ſhall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye ſhall not go forth hence, except your youngeſt brother come hither.

16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye ſhall be kept in priſon, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you: or elſe, by the life of Pharaoh, ſurely ye are ſpies:

17 And he put them all together into ward three days.

18 And Joſeph ſaid unto them the third day, This do, and live; for I fear God:

19 If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the houſe of your priſon: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houſes:

20 But bring your youngeſt brother unto me; ſo ſhall your words be verified, and ye ſhall not die. And they did ſo.

21 ¶ And they ſaid one to another, We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we ſaw the anguiſh of his ſoul, when he beſought us; and we would not hear: therefore is this diſtreſs come upon us.

22 And Reuben anſwered them, ſaying, Spake I not unto you, ſaying, Do not ſin againſt the child; and ye would

Verily guilty, ver. 21.) Our ſin, long ſince committed againſt our brother, has brought this trouble upon us. Affliction makes men acknowledge their faults, which otherwiſe they would not wiſh to remember.

not hear? therefore behold alſo, his blood is required.

23 And they knew not that Joſeph underſtood them; for he ſpake unto them by an interpreter.

24 And he turned himſelf about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

25 Then Joſeph commanded to fill their ſacks with corn, and to reſtore every man's money into his ſack, and to give them proviſion for the way: and thus did he unto them.

26 And they laded their aſſes with the corn, and departed thence.

27 And as one of them opened his ſack to give his aſs provender in the inn, he eſpied his money; for behold, it was in his ſack's mouth.

28 And he ſaid unto his brethren, My money is reſtored: and lo, it is even in my ſack: and their heart failed them, and they were afraid, ſaying one to another, What is this that God hath done unto us?

29 And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befel unto them; ſaying,

30 The man, who is the lord of the land, ſpake roughly to us, and took us for ſpies of the country.

31 And we ſaid unto him, We are true men; we are no ſpies:

32 We be twelve brethren, ſons of our father: one is not, and the youngeſt is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

33 And the man the lord of the country ſaid unto us, Hereby ſhall I know that ye are true men; leave one of your brethren here with me, and take food for the famine of your houſholds, and be gone:

34 And bring your youngeſt brother unto me: then ſhall I know that ye are no ſpies, but that ye are true men: ſo will I deliver you your brother, and ye ſhall traffick in the land.

35 And it came to paſs as they emptied their ſacks, that behold, every man's bundle of money was in his ſack: and when both they and their father ſaw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

36 And Jacob their father ſaid unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joſeph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all theſe things are againſt me.

37 And Reuben ſpake unto his father, ſaying, Slay my two ſons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.

38 And he ſaid, My ſon ſhall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if miſchief befal him by the way in the which ye go, then ſhall ye bring down my gray hairs with ſorrow to the grave.

CHAP. XLIII.

Jacob is hardly perſuaded to ſend Benjamin, &c.

AND the famine was ſore in the land.

2 And it came to paſs when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father ſaid unto them, Go again, buy us a little food.

Took from them Simeon, ver. 24.] Who, by this, ſeems to have had the greateſt hand in Joſeph's troubles; he being by nature of a peculiarly bold and fierce temper.

3 And Judah ſpake unto him, ſaying, The man did ſolemnly proteſt unto us, ſaying, Ye ſhall not ſee my face, except your brother be with you.

4 If thou wilt ſend our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food:

5 But if thou wilt not ſend him, we will not go down: for the man ſaid unto us, Ye ſhall not ſee my face, except your brother be with you.

6 And Iſrael ſaid, Wherefore dealt ye ſo ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother?

7 And they ſaid, The man aſked us ſtraitly of our ſtate, and of our kindred, ſaying, Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of theſe words: could we certainly know that he would ſay, Bring your brother down?

8 And Judah ſaid unto Iſrael his father, Send the lad with me, and we will ariſe and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and alſo our little ones:

9 I will be ſurety for him; of my hand ſhalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and ſet him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever:

10 For except we had lingered, ſurely now we had returned this ſecond time.

11 And their father Iſrael ſaid unto them, If it muſt be ſo now, do this; take of the beſt fruits in the land in your veſſels, and carry down the man a preſent, a little balm, and a little honey, ſpices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds;

12 And take double money in your hand: and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your ſacks, carry it again in your hand; peradventure it was an overſight:

13 Take alſo your brother, and ariſe, go again unto the man:

14 And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may ſend away your other brother, and Benjamin; If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

15 And the men took that preſent, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and roſe up, and went down to Egypt, and ſtood before Joſeph.

16 And when Joſeph ſaw Benjamin with them, he ſaid to the ruler of his houſe, Bring theſe men home, and ſlay, and make ready: for theſe men ſhall dine with me at noon.

17 And the man did as Joſeph bade: and the man brought the men into Joſeph's houſe.

18 And the men were afraid, becauſe they were brought into Joſeph's houſe; and they ſaid, Becauſe of the money that was returned in our ſacks at the firſt time are we brought in, that he may ſeek occaſion againſt us, and fall upon us, and take us for bond-men, and our aſſes.

19 And they came near to the ſteward of Joſeph's houſe, and they communed with him at the door of the houſe,

20 And ſaid, O ſir, we came indeed down at the firſt time to buy food:

21 And it came to paſs when we came to the inn, that we opened our ſacks, and behold, every man's money was in the mouth of his ſack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand:

Lad with me, ver. 8.) So called, becauſe he was the youngeſt, though now above thirty years old.
If I be bereaved, &c. ver. 14.) God's will be done; I commit the iſſue wholly to him.

22 And other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our money in our ſacks.

23 And he ſaid, Peace be to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father hath given you treaſure in your ſacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.

24 And the man brought the men into Joſeph's houſe, and gave them water, and they waſhed their feet: and he gave their aſſes provender.

25 ¶ And they made ready the preſent againſt Joſeph came at noon: for they heard that they ſhould eat bread there.

26 And when Joſeph came home, they brought him the preſent which was in their hand into the houſe, and bowed themſelves to him to the earth.

27 And he aſked them of their welfare, and ſaid, Is your father well, the old man of whom ye ſpake? Is he yet alive?

28 And they anſwered, Thy ſervant our father is in good health, he is yet alive: and they bowed down their heads, and made obeiſance.

29 And he lifted up his eyes, and ſaw his brother Benjamin, his mother's ſon, and ſaid, Is this your younger brother, of whom ye ſpake unto me? and he ſaid, God be gracious unto thee, my ſon.

30 And Joſeph made haſte; for his bowels did yern upon his brother: and he ſought where to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there.

31 ¶ And he waſhed his face, and went out, and refrained himſelf, and ſaid, Set on bread.

32 And they ſet on for him by himſelf, and for them by themſelves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themſelves: becauſe the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

33 And they ſat before him, the firſt-born according to his birth-right, and the youngeſt according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another.

34 And he took, and ſent meſſes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's meſs was five times ſo much as any of their's. And they drank, and were merry with him.

CHAP. XLIV.

Joſeph's policy to ſtay his brethren.

AND he commanded the ſteward of his houſe, ſaying, Fill the men's ſacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his ſack's mouth.

2 And put my cup, the ſilver cup, in the ſack's mouth of the youngeſt, and his corn-money: and he did according to the word that Joſeph had ſpoken.

3 As ſoon as the morning was light, the men were ſent away, they and their aſſes.

4 And when they were gone out of the city, and not yet far off, Joſeph ſaid unto his ſteward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou doſt overtake them, ſay unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good?

5 Is not this it, in which my lord drinketh? and whereby indeed he divineth? ye have done evil in ſo doing.

Sack's mouth of the youngeſt, ver. 2.] Joſeph hereby meant to try his brethren's affection for Benjamin, and to their father, whether they would aſſiſt him in his extremity.

6 And he overtook them, and he ſpake unto them theſe ſame words.

7 And they ſaid unto him, Wherefore ſaith my lord theſe words? God forbid that thy ſervants ſhould do according to this thing:

8 Behold, the money which we found in our ſacks mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan: how then ſhould we ſteal out of thy lord's houſe ſilver or gold?

9 With whomſoever of thy ſervants it be found, both let him die, and we alſo will be my lord's bond-men.

10 And he ſaid, Now alſo let it be according unto your words: he with whom it is found ſhall be my ſervant; and ye ſhall be blameleſs.

11 Then they ſpeedily took down every man his ſack to the ground, and opened every man his ſack.

12 And he ſearched, and began at the eldeſt, and left at the youngeſt: and the cup was found in Benjamin's ſack.

13 And they rent their clothes, and laded every man his aſs, and returned to the city.

14 And Judah and his brethren came to Joſeph's houſe; (for he was yet there) and they fell before him on the ground.

15 And Joſeph ſaid unto them, What deed is this that ye have done? Wot ye not that ſuch a man as I can certainly divine?

16 And Judah ſaid, What ſhall we ſay unto my lord? what ſhall we ſpeak? or how ſhall we clear ourſelves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy ſervants: behold, we are my lord's ſervants, both we, and he alſo, with whom the cup is found.

17 And he ſaid, God forbid that I ſhould do ſo: but the man in whoſe hand the cup is found, he ſhall be my ſervant; and as for you, get ye up in peace unto your father.

18 Then Judah came near unto him, and ſaid, Oh, my lord, let thy ſervant, I pray thee, ſpeak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn againſt thy ſervant: for thou art even as Pharaoh.

19 My lord aſked his ſervants, ſaying, Have ye a father, or a brother?

20 And we ſaid unto my lord, We have a father an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one: and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him.

21 And thou ſaidſt unto thy ſervants, Bring him down unto me that I may ſet mine eyes upon him.

22 And we ſaid unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he ſhould leave his father, his father would die.

23 And thou ſaidſt unto thy ſervants, Except your youngeſt brother come down with you, ye ſhall ſee my face no more.

24 And it came to paſs, when we came up unto thy ſervant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

25 And our father ſaid, Go again, and buy us a little food.

26 And we ſaid, We cannot go down: if our youngeſt brother be with us, then will we go down: for we may not ſee the man's face, except our youngeſt brother be with us.

27 And thy ſervant my father ſaid unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two ſons:

With whomſoever, &c. ver. 9.) Innocence is confident; yet this is too raſh and rigorous.
Shall be blameleſs, ver. 10.) Free from puniſhment, and at liberty to return home unmoleſted.

28 And the one went out from me, and I ſaid, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I ſaw him not ſince:

29 And if ye take this alſo from me, and miſchief befal him, ye ſhall bring down my gray hairs with ſorrow to the grave.

30 Now therefore when I come to thy ſervant my father, and the lad be not with us; (ſeeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life:)

31 It ſhall come to paſs, when he ſeeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and thy ſervants ſhall bring down the gray hairs of thy ſervant our father with ſorrow to the grave.

32 For thy ſervant became ſurety for the lad unto my father, ſaying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I ſhall bear the blame to my father for ever.

33 Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy ſervant abide inſtead of the lad, a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren.

34 For how ſhall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? leſt peradventure I ſee the evil that ſhall come on my father.

CHAP. XLV.

Joſeph maketh himſelf known to his brethren, &c.

THEN Joſeph could not refrain himſelf before all them that ſtood by him: and he cried, Cauſe every man to go out from me: and there ſtood no man with him, while Joſeph made himſelf known unto his brethren.

2 And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the houſe of Pharaoh heard.

3 And Joſeph ſaid unto his brethren, I am Joſeph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not anſwer him: for they were troubled at his preſence.

4 And Joſeph ſaid unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you: and they came near: and he ſaid, I am Joſeph your brother, whom ye ſold into Egypt.

5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourſelves, that ye ſold me hither: for God did ſend me before you to preſerve life.

6 For theſe two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there ſhall neither be earing nor harveſt.

7 And God ſent me before you, to preſerve you a poſterity in the earth, and to ſave your lives by a great deliverance.

8 So now it was not you that ſent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his houſe, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

9 ¶ Haſte ye, and go up to my father, and ſay unto him, Thus ſaith thy ſon Joſeph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:

10 And thou ſhalt dwell in the land of Goſhen, and thou ſhalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou haſt.

11 And there will I nouriſh thee; (for yet there are five years of famine;) leſt thou, and thy houſhold, and all that thou haſt, come to poverty.

Be not grieved, ver. 5.) Immoderately, ſo as not to conſider the providence of God therein, which has turned it to good. Comfort is to be adminiſtered to them who are truly humbled for their ſins.

12 And behold, your eyes ſee, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that ſpeaketh unto you.

13 And ye ſhall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have ſeen: and ye ſhall haſte, and bring down my father hither.

14 And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

15 Moreover he kiſſed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

16 And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's houſe, ſaying, Joſeph's brethren are come: and it pleaſed Pharaoh well, and his ſervants.

17 And Pharaoh ſaid unto Joſeph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beaſts, and go, get ye unto the land of Canaan;

18 And take your father, and your houſholds, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye ſhall eat the fat of the land.

19 Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take ye waggons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.

20 Alſo regard not your ſtuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is your's.

21 And the children of Iſrael did ſo: and Joſeph gave them waggons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them proviſion for the way.

22 To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment: but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of ſilver, and five changes of raiment.

23 And to his father he ſent after this manner; ten aſſes laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten ſhe-aſſes laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way.

24 So he ſent his brethren away, and they departed: and he ſaid unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way.

25 ¶ And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father.

26 And told him, ſaying, Joſeph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not.

27 And they told him all the words of Joſeph, which he had ſaid unto them: and when he ſaw the waggons which Joſeph had ſent to carry him, the ſpirit of Jacob their father revived:

28 And Iſrael ſaid, It is enough; Joſeph my ſon is yet alive: I will go and ſee him before I die.

CHAP. XLVI.

Jacob is comforted by God at Beer-ſheba: he goeth into Egypt, &c.

AND Iſrael took his journey, with all that he had, and came to Beer-ſheba, and offered ſacrifices unto the God of his father Iſaac.

2 And God ſpake unto Iſrael in the viſions of the night, and ſaid, Jacob, Jacob: and he ſaid, Here am I.

3 And he ſaid, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:

Changes of raiment, ver. 22.) Of their upper garments, which they often ſhifted in thoſe hot countries.
It is enough, ver. 28.) I have lived long enough, and ſhall be ſufficiently happy in living to ſee him but once again.

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10 And the ſons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the ſon of a Cannaanitiſh woman.

11 And the ſons of Levi; Gerſhon, Kohath, and Merari.

12 And the ſons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zerah: but Er, and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the ſons of Pharez, were Hezron and Hamul.

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15 Theſe be the ſons of Leah, which ſhe bare unto Jacob in Padan-aram, with his daughter Dinah: all the ſouls of his ſons and his daughters were thirty and three.

16 And the ſons of Gad; Ziphion, and Haggai, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli.

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18 Theſe are the ſons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter: and theſe ſhe bare unto Jacob, even ſixteen ſouls.

19 The ſons of Rachel Jacob's wife; Joſeph and Benjamin.

20 And unto Joſeph in the land of Egypt were born Manaſſeh and Ephraim, which Aſenath the daughter of Potipherah prieſt of On bare unto him.

21 And the ſons of Benjamin were Belah, and Becher, and Aſhbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Roſh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard.

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25 Theſe are the ſons of Bilhah, which Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and ſhe bare theſe unto Jacob: all the ſouls were ſeven.

26 All the ſouls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, beſides Jacob's ſons wives, all the ſouls were threeſcore and ſix;

27 And the ſons of Joſeph which were born him in Egypt, were two ſouls:

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12 And behold, your eyes ſee, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that ſpeaketh unto you.

13 And ye ſhall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have ſeen: and ye ſhall haſte, and bring down my father hither.

14 And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

15 Moreover he kiſſed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

16 And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's houſe, ſaying, Joſeph's brethren are come: and it pleaſed Pharaoh well, and his ſervants.

17 And Pharaoh ſaid unto Joſeph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beaſts, and go, get ye unto the land of Canaan;

18 And take your father, and your houſholds, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye ſhall eat the fat of the land.

19 Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take ye waggons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.

20 Alſo regard not your ſtuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is your's.

21 And the children of Iſrael did ſo: and Joſeph gave them waggons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them proviſion for the way.

22 To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment: but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of ſilver, and five changes of raiment.

23 And to his father he ſent after this manner; ten aſſes laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten ſhe-aſſes laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way.

24 So he ſent his brethren away, and they departed: and he ſaid unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way.

25 ¶ And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father.

26 And told him, ſaying, Joſeph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not.

27 And they told him all the words of Joſeph, which he had ſaid unto them: and when he ſaw the waggons which Joſeph had ſent to carry him, the ſpirit of Jacob their father revived:

28 And Iſrael ſaid, It is enough; Joſeph my ſon is yet alive: I will go and ſee him before I die.

CHAP. XLVI.

Jacob is comforted by God at Beer-ſheba: he goeth into Egypt, &c.

AND Iſrael took his journey, with all that he had, and came to Beer-ſheba, and offered ſacrifices unto the God of his father Iſaac.

2 And God ſpake unto Iſrael in the viſions of the night, and ſaid, Jacob, Jacob: and he ſaid, Here am I.

3 And he ſaid, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:

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28 ¶ And he ſent Judah before him unto Joſeph, to direct his face unto Goſhen; and they came into the land of Goſhen.

29 And Joſeph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Iſrael his father, to Goſhen; and preſented himſelf unto him: and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.

30 And Iſrael ſaid unto Joſeph, Now let me die, ſince I have ſeen thy face, becauſe thou art yet alive.

31 And Joſeph ſaid unto his brethren, and unto his father's houſe, I will go up, and ſhew Pharaoh, and ſay unto him, My brethren and my father's houſe, which were in the land of Canaan, are come unto me:

32 And the men are ſhepherds; for their trade hath been to feed cattle: and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have.

33 And it ſhall come to paſs when Pharaoh ſhall call you, and ſhall ſay, What is your occupation?

34 That ye ſhall ſay, Thy ſervants trade hath been about cattle, from our youth even until now, both we, and alſo our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goſhen; for every ſhepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

CHAP. XLVII.

Joſeph preſenteth five of his brethren, and his father before Pharaoh.

THEN Joſeph came and told Pharaoh, and ſaid, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and behold, they are in the land of Goſhen.

2 And he took ſome of his brethren, even five men, and preſented them unto Pharaoh.

3 And Pharaoh ſaid unto his brethren, What is your occupation? And they ſaid unto Pharaoh, Thy ſervants are ſhepherds, both we, and alſo our fathers.

4 They ſaid moreover unto Pharaoh, For to ſojourn in the land are we come: for thy ſervants have no paſture for their flocks; for the famine is ſore in the land of Canaan: now therefore we pray thee let thy ſervants dwell in the land of Goſhen.

5 And Pharaoh ſpake unto Joſeph, ſaying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee:

6 The land of Egypt is before thee; in the beſt of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell: in the land of Goſhen let them dwell: and if thou knoweſt any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

7 ¶ And Joſeph brought in Jacob his father, and ſet him before Pharaoh, and Jacob bleſſed Pharaoh.

8 And Pharaoh ſaid unto Jacob, How old art thou?

9 And Jacob ſaid unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

An abomination, ver. 34.) Becauſe ſuch people did uſually eat and ſacrifice thoſe cattle which the Egyptians worſhipped; and though the Egyptians had cattle, yet they kept them for milk and wool.

10 And Jacob bleſſed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

11 ¶ And Joſeph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a poſſeſſion in the land of Egypt, in the beſt of the land, in the land of Rameſes, as Pharaoh had commanded.

12 And Joſeph nouriſhed his father, and his brethren, and all his father's houſhold with bread, according to their families.

13 And there was no bread in all the land: for the famine was very ſore, ſo that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted by reaſon of the famine.

14 And Joſeph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joſeph brought the money into Pharaoh's houſe.

15 And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joſeph, and ſaid, Give us bread: for why ſhould we die in thy preſence? for the money faileth.

16 And Joſeph ſaid, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail.

17 And they brought their cattle unto Joſeph: and Joſeph gave them bread in exchange for horſes, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the aſſes: and he fed them with bread, for all their cattle, for that year.

18 When that year was ended, they came unto him the ſecond year, and ſaid unto him, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money is ſpent; my lord alſo hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the ſight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands:

19 Wherefore ſhall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be ſervants unto Pharaoh: and give us ſeed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not deſolate.

20 And Joſeph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians ſold every man his field, becauſe the famine prevailed over them: ſo the land became Pharaoh's.

21 And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt, even to the other end thereof.

22 Only the land of the prieſts bought he not: for the prieſts had a portion aſſigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them; wherefore they ſold not their lands.

23 Then Joſeph ſaid unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day, and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is ſeed for you, and ye ſhall ſow the land.

24 And it ſhall come to paſs in the increaſe, that ye ſhall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts ſhall be your own, for ſeed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your houſholds, and for food for your little ones.

25 And they ſaid, Thou haſt ſaved our lives: let us find grace in the ſight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's ſervants.

26 And Joſeph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh ſhould have the fifth part; except

Removed them, &c. v. 21.) That they might not claim the land as their own, which they were now employed to manage.
Find grace, &c. ver. 25.] Vouchſafe to deal in this buſineſs for us with Pharaoh.

the land of the prieſts only, which became not Pharaoh's.

27 And Iſrael dwelt in the land of Egypt in the country of Goſhen; and they had poſſeſſions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.

28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt ſeventeen years: ſo the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and ſeven years.

29 And the time drew nigh that Iſrael muſt die: and he called his ſon Joſeph, and ſaid unto him, If now I have found grace in thy ſight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt:

30 But I will lie with my fathers, and thou ſhalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their burying-place. And he ſaid, I will do as thou haſt ſaid.

31 And he ſaid, Swear unto me: and he ſware unto him. And Iſrael bowed himſelf upon the bed's head.

CHAP. XLVIII.

Joſeph viſiteth his ſick father, &c.

AND it came to paſs after theſe things, that one told Joſeph, Behold, thy father is ſick: and he took with him his two ſons, Manaſſeh and Ephraim.

2 And one told Jacob, and ſaid, Behold, thy ſon Joſeph cometh unto thee: and Iſrael ſtrengthened himſelf, and ſat upon the bed.

3 ¶ And Jacob ſaid unto Joſeph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and bleſſed me,

4 And ſaid unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy ſeed after thee, for an everlaſting poſſeſſion.

5 And now thy two ſons, Ephraim and Manaſſeh which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt, before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they ſhall be mine.

6 And thy iſſue, which thou begetteſt after them, ſhall be thine, and ſhall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance.

7 And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan, in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath, the ſame is Beth-lehem.

8 And Iſrael beheld Joſeph's ſons, and ſaid, Who are theſe?

9 And Joſeph ſaid unto his father, They are my ſons, whom God hath given me in this place: and he ſaid, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bleſs them.

10 Now the eyes of Iſrael were dim for age, ſo that he could not ſee: and he brought them near unto him; and he kiſſed them, and embraced them.

11 And Iſrael ſaid unto Joſeph, I had not thought to ſee thy face: and lo, God hath ſhewed me alſo thy ſeed.

12 And Joſeph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himſelf with his face to the earth.

13 And Joſeph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Iſrael's

Bowed himſelf, &c. ver. 31.) To God with thankfulneſs, for his promiſes, and for this preſent mercy.
Everlaſting poſſeſſion, ver. 4.) Of long continuance to thy natural ſeed, and to thy ſpiritual ſeed the heavenly Canaan for ever.

left hand, and Manaſſeh in his left hand toward Iſrael's right hand, and brought them near unto him.

14 And Iſrael ſtretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manaſſeh's head: guiding his hands wittingly; for Manaſſeh was the firſt-born.

15 And he bleſſed Joſeph, and ſaid, God before whom my fathers Abraham and Iſaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,

16 The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bleſs the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Iſaac: and let them grow into a multitude in the midſt of the earth.

17 And when Joſeph ſaw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it diſpleaſed him: and he held up his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manaſſeh's head.

18 And Joſeph ſaid unto his father, Not ſo, my father: for this is the firſt-born; put thy right hand upon his head.

19 And his father refuſed, and ſaid, I know it, my ſon, I know it: he alſo ſhall become a people, and he alſo ſhall be great: but truly his younger brother ſhall be greater than he, and his ſeed ſhall become a multitude of nations.

20 And he bleſſed them that day, ſaying, In thee ſhall Iſrael bleſs, ſaying, God make thee as Ephraim, and as Manaſſeh: and he ſet Ephraim before Manaſſeh.

21 ¶ And Iſrael ſaid unto Joſeph, Behold, I die: but God ſhall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.

22 Moreover, I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite, with my ſword and with my bow.

CHAP. XLIX.

Jacob calleth his ſons to bleſs them: their bleſſing in particular, &c.

AND Jacob called unto his ſons, and ſaid, Gather yourſelves together, that I may tell you that which ſhall befal you in the laſt days.

2 Gather yourſelves together, and hear ye ſons of Jacob; and hearken unto Iſrael your father.

3 ¶ Reuben, thou art my firſt-born, my might and the beginning of my ſtrength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power;

4 Unſtable as water; thou ſhalt not excel, becauſe thou wenteſt up to thy father's bed: then defiledſt thou it: he went up to my couch.

5 Simeon and Levi are brethren; inſtruments of cruelty are in their habitations:

6 O my ſoul, come not thou into their ſecret; unto their aſſembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they ſlew a man, and in their ſelf-will they digged down a wall:

7 Curſed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and ſcatter them in Iſrael.

The Angel, &c. ver. 16.] Chriſt, who lead the Iſraelites in the wilderneſs.
Are brethren, ver. 5.) Not only by nature, but in manners, and alſo confederates in the ſame wicked deſign.

8 Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren ſhall praiſe; thy hand ſhall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children ſhall bow down before thee:

9 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my ſon, thou art gone up: he ſtooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who ſhall rouſe him up?

10 The ſceptre ſhall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him ſhall the gathering of the people be.

11 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his aſs's colt unto the choice vine; he waſhed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

12 His eyes ſhall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

13 Zebulon ſhall dwell at the haven of the ſea; and he ſhall be for an haven of ſhips; and his border ſhall be unto Zidon.

14 Iſſachar is a ſtrong aſs, couching down between two burthens:

15 And he ſaw that reſt was good, and the land that it was pleaſant; and bowed his ſhoulder to bear, and became a ſervant unto tribute.

16 Dan ſhall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Iſrael:

17 Dan ſhall be a ſerpent by the way, an adder in the path; that biteth the horſe-heels, ſo that his rider ſhall fall backward.

18 I have waited for thy ſalvation, O Lord.

19 Gad, a troop ſhall overcome him: but he ſhall overcome at the laſt.

20 Out of Aſher his bread ſhall be fat, and he ſhall yield royal dainties.

21 Naphtali is a hind let looſe: he giveth goodly words.

22 Joſeph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whoſe branches run over the wall:

23 The archers have ſorely grieved him, and ſhot at him, and hated him.

24 But his bow abode in ſtrength, and the arms of his hands were made ſtrong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob: from thence is the ſhepherd, the ſtone of Iſrael:

25 Even by the God of thy father who ſhall help thee, and by the Almighty, who ſhall bleſs thee with bleſſings of heaven above, bleſſings of the deep that lieth under, bleſſings of the breaſts, and of the womb:

26 The bleſſings of thy father have prevailed above the bleſſings of thy progenitors, unto the utmoſt bound of the everlaſting hills: they ſhall be on the head of Joſeph, and on the crown of the head of him that was ſeparate from his brethren.

27 Benjamin ſhall ravin as a wolf: in the morning he ſhall devour the prey, and at night he ſhall divide the ſpoil.

28 All theſe are the twelve tribes of Iſrael: and this is it that their father ſpake unto them, and bleſſed them; every one according to his bleſſing he bleſſed them.

29 ¶ And he charged them, and ſaid unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers, in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite.

The ſceptre, &c. ver. 10.) The nation of the Jews ſhall not ceaſe to be a commonwealth, bearing the name of the kingdom of Judah, and having governors of its own, till the Meſſiah come.

30 In the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite, for a poſſeſſion of a burying-place.

31 (There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Iſaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.)

32 The purchaſe of the field and of the cave that is therein, was from the children of Heth.

33 ¶ And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his ſons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghoſt, and was gathered unto his people.

CHAP. L.

The mourning for Jacob, &c.

AND Joſeph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kiſſed him.

2 And Joſeph commanded his ſervants the phyſicians to embalm his father: and the phyſicians embalmed Iſrael.

3 And forty days were fulfilled for him; (for ſo are fulfilled the days of thoſe which are embalmed:) and the Egyptians mourned for him threeſcore and ten days.

4 And when the days of his mourning were paſt, Joſeph ſpake unto the houſe of Pharaoh, ſaying, if now I have found grace in your eyes, ſpeak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, ſaying,

5 My father made me ſwear, ſaying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there ſhalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again.

6 And Pharaoh ſaid, Go up, and bury thy father according as he made thee ſwear.

7 ¶ And Joſeph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the ſervants of Pharaoh, the elders of his houſe, and all the elders of the land of Egypt.

8 And all the houſe of Joſeph, and his brethren and his father's houſe: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds they left in the land of Goſhen.

9 And there went up with him both chariots and horſemen: and it was a very great company.

10 And they came to the threſhing-floor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very ſore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father ſeven days.

11 And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, ſaw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they ſaid, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abel-mizraim, which is beyond Jordan.

12 And his ſons did unto him according as he commanded them.

13 For his ſons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field, for a poſſeſſion of a burying-place of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

There they buried, &c ver. 31.] This he mentions, thereby to teſtify ſolemnly and openly that he died in the faith of Abram and Iſaac.

14 And Joſeph returned into Egypt, he and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

15 And when Joſeph's brethren ſaw that their father was dead, they ſaid, Joſeph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

16 And they ſent a meſſenger unto Joſeph, ſaying, Thy father did command before he died, ſaying,

17 So ſhall ye ſay unto Joſeph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the treſpaſs of thy brethren, and their ſin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the treſpaſs of the ſervants of the God of thy father. And Joſeph wept when they ſpake unto him.

18 And his brethren alſo went and fell down before his face: and they ſaid, Behold, we be thy ſervants.

19 And Joſeph ſaid unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

20 But as for you, ye thought evil againſt me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to paſs, as it is this day, to ſave much people alive.

21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nouriſh you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and ſpake kindly unto them.

22 And Joſeph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's houſe: and Joſeph lived an hundred and ten years.

23 And Joſeph ſaw Ephraim's children, of the third generation: the children alſo of Machir, the ſon of Manaſſeh, were brought up upon Joſeph's knees.

24 ¶ And Joſeph ſaid unto his brethren, I die: and God will ſurely viſit you, and bring you out of this land, unto the land which he ſware to Abraham, to Iſaac, and to Jacob.

25 And Joſeph took an oath of the children of Iſrael, ſaying, God will ſurely viſit you, and ye ſhall carry up my bones from hence.

26 ¶ So Joſeph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

THE SECOND BOOK OF MOSES,

CALLED

EXODUS.

CHAP. I.

The children of Iſrael multiply, &c.

NOW theſe are the names of the children of Iſrael, which came into Egypt; every man and his houſhold came with Jacob:

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,

3 Iſſachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,

4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Aſher.

5 And all the ſouls that came out of the loins of Jacob, were ſeventy ſouls: for Joſeph was in Egypt already.

6 And Joſeph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.

Peradventure hate us, ver. 15.] A guilty conſcience cauſes fear, and is never fully at reſt.
As it is this day, ver. 20.) As is now apparent, and manifeſt before all the world.

7 And the children of Iſrael were fruitful, and increaſed abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

8 ¶ Now there aroſe up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joſeph.

9 And he ſaid unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Iſrael are more and mightier than we:

10 Come on, let us deal wiſely with them: leſt they multiply, and it come to paſs, that when there falleth out any war, they join alſo unto our enemies, and fight againſt us, and ſo get them up out of the land.

11 Therefore they did ſet over them taſk-maſters, to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treaſure-cities, Pithom and Raamſes.

12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved becauſe of the children of Iſrael.

13 And the Egyptians made the children of Iſrael to ſerve with rigour:

14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in morter, and in brick, and in all manner of ſervice in the field: all their ſervice, wherein they made them ſerve, was with rigour.

15 ¶ And the king of Egypt ſpake to the Hebrew midwives (of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah:)

16 And he ſaid, when ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and ſee them upon the ſtools; if it be a ſon, then ye ſhall kill him; but if it be a daughter, then ſhe ſhall live.

17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but ſaved the men-children alive.

18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and ſaid unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have ſaved the men-children alive?

19 And the midwives ſaid unto Pharaoh, Becauſe the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women: for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.

20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.

21 And it came to paſs, becauſe the midwives feared God, that he made them houſes.

22 And Pharaoh charged all his people, ſaying, Every ſon that is born, ye ſhall caſt into the river, and every daughter ye ſhall ſave alive.

CHAP. II.

Moſes is born, and put into the flags, &c.

AND there went a man of the houſe of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.

2 And the woman conceived, and bare a ſon: and when ſhe ſaw him that he was a goodly child, ſhe hid him three months.

3 And when ſhe could not longer hide him, ſhe took for him an ark of bul-ruſhes, and daubed it with ſlime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and ſhe laid it in the flags by the river's brink.

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Deal wiſely with them, ver 10.) About this time the Iſraelites began to corrupt their religion, and commit whoredom with the idols of Egypt, for which God was angry with them.

4 And his ſiſter ſtood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

5 ¶ And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to waſh herſelf at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's ſide: and when ſhe ſaw the ark among the flags, ſhe ſent her maid to fetch it.

6 And when ſhe had opened it, ſhe ſaw the child: and behold, the babe wept. And ſhe had compaſſion on him, and ſaid, This is one of Hebrews children.

7 Then ſaid his ſiſter to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurſe of the Hebrew women, that ſhe may nurſe the child for thee?

8 And Pharaoh's daughter ſaid to her, Go. And the maid went, and called the child's mother.

9 And Pharaoh's daughter ſaid unto her, Take this child away, and nurſe it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nurſed it.

10 And the child grew, and ſhe brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her ſon. And ſhe called his name Moſes: and ſhe ſaid, Becauſe I drew him out of the water.

11 And it came to paſs in thoſe days, when Moſes was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he ſpied an Egyptian ſmiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.

12 And he looked this way, and that way, and when he ſaw that there was no man, he ſlew the Egyptian, and hid him in the ſand.

13 And when he went out the ſecond day, behold, two men of the Hebrews ſtrove together: and he ſaid to him that did the wrong, Wherefore ſmiteſt thou thy fellow?

14 And he ſaid, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendeſt thou to kill me as thou killedſt the Egyptian? and Moſes feared, and ſaid, Surely this thing is known.

15 ¶ Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he ſought to ſlay Moſes. But Moſes fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he ſat down by a well.

16 Now the prieſt of Midian had ſeven daughters: and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

17 And the ſhepherds came and drove them away: but Moſes ſtood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

18 And when they came to Reuel their father, he ſaid, How is it that ye are come ſo ſoon to-day?

19 And they ſaid, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the ſhepherds, and alſo drew water enough for us, and watered the flock.

20 And he ſaid unto his daughters, And where is he? why is it that ye have left the man? call him that he may eat bread.

21 And Moſes was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moſes Zipporah his daughter.

22 And ſhe bare him a ſon, and he called his name Gerſhom: for he ſaid, I have been a ſtranger in a ſtrange land.

Went out, &c. ver. 11.) With a full purpoſe to abandon the honors of a court, and join himſelf to the poor oppreſſed people of God, and lend them what help he could for their deliverance.

23 And it came to paſs in proceſs of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Iſrael ſighed by reaſon of the bondage, and they cried; and their cry came up unto God by reaſon of the bondage.

24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Iſaac, and with Jacob.

25 And God looked upon the children of Iſrael, and God had reſpect unto them.

CHAP. III.

Moſes keepeth Jethro's flock: God appeareth unto him in a burning buſh, &c.

NOW Moſes kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the prieſt of Midian: and he led the flock to the back ſide of the deſert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

2 ¶ And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midſt of a buſh: and he looked, and behold the buſh burned with fire, and the buſh was not conſumed.

3 And Moſes ſaid, I will now turn aſide, and ſee this great ſight, why the buſh is not burnt.

4 And when the Lord ſaw that he turned aſide to ſee, God called unto him out of the midſt of the buſh, and ſaid, Moſes, Moſes. And he ſaid, Here am I.

5 And he ſaid, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy ſhoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou ſtandeſt is holy ground.

6 Moreover he ſaid, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Iſaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moſes hid his face: for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 And the Lord ſaid, I have ſurely ſeen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reaſon of their taſk-maſters: for I know their ſorrows;

8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebuſites.

9 ¶ Now therefore behold, the cry of the children of Iſrael is come unto me: and I have alſo ſeen the oppreſſion wherewith the Egyptians oppreſs them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will ſend thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayeſt bring forth my people the children of Iſrael out of Egypt.

11 And Moſes ſaid unto God, Who am I, that I ſhould go unto Pharaoh, and that I ſhould bring forth the children of Iſrael out of Egypt?

12 And he ſaid, Certainly I will be with thee: and this ſhall be a token unto thee, that I have ſent thee; When thou haſt brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye ſhall ſerve God upon this mountain.

13 And Moſes ſaid unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children

Mountain of God, ver. 1.) Sanctified by God's appearing there now, and giving the law there afterwards.
Flame of fire, ver. 2.) Repreſenting God's majeſty, purity, and power, and to make him awfully apprehenſive thereof.

of Iſrael, and ſhall ſay unto them, The God of your fathers hath ſent me unto you; and they ſhall ſay to me, What is his Name? what ſhall I ſay unto them?

14 And God ſaid unto Moſes, I AM THAT I AM: and he ſaid, Thus ſhalt thou ſay unto the children of Iſrael, I AM hath ſent me unto you.

15 And God ſaid moreover unto Moſes, Thus ſhalt thou ſay unto the children of Iſrael, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Iſaac, and the God of Jacob hath ſent me unto you: this is my Name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

16 Go and gather the elders of Iſrael together, and ſay unto them, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Iſaac, and of Jacob appeared unto me, ſaying, I have ſurely viſited you, and ſeen that which is done to you in Egypt:

17 And I have ſaid, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt, unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebuſites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

18 And they ſhall hearken to thy voice: and thou ſhalt come, thou and the elders of Iſrael unto the king of Egypt, and ye ſhall ſay unto him, The Lord God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, (we beſeech thee) three days journey into the wilderneſs, that we may ſacrifice to the Lord our God.

19 And I am ſure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no not by a mighty hand.

20 And I will ſtretch out my hand, and ſmite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midſt thereof: and after that he will let you go.

21 And I will give this people favour in the ſight of the Egyptians: and it ſhall come to paſs, that when ye go, ye ſhall not go empty:

22 But every woman ſhall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that ſojourneth in her houſe, jewels of ſilver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye ſhall put them upon your ſons, and upon your daughters; and ye ſhall ſpoil the Egyptians.

CHAP. IV.

Moſes' rod is turned into a ſerpent, &c.

AND Moſes anſwered and ſaid, But behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will ſay, the Lord hath not appeared unto thee.

2 And the Lord ſaid unto him, What is that in thine hand? and he ſaid, A rod.

3 And he ſaid, Caſt it on the ground: and he caſt it on the ground, and it became a ſerpent: and Moſes fled from before it.

4 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand;

I AM, &c. ver. 14.) The fountain of Being, who eternally and unchangeably exiſt in, of, from, and by myſelf.
Will not let you go, ver. 19.) God's foreknowledge does not intrench upon the free will of Pharaoh.

5 That they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Iſaac, and the God of Jacob hath appeared unto thee.

6 ¶ And the Lord ſaid furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy boſom; and he put his hand into his boſom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, as ſnow.

7 And he ſaid, Put thine hand into thy boſom again; and he put his hand into his boſom again, and plucked it out of his boſom; and behold, it was turned again as his other fleſh.

8 And it ſhall come to paſs, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the firſt ſign, that they will believe the voice of the latter ſign.

9 And it ſhall come to paſs, if they will not believe alſo theſe two ſigns, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou ſhalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry-land: and the water which thou takeſt out of the river, ſhall become blood upon the dry-land.

10 And Moſes ſaid unto the Lord, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor ſince thou haſt ſpoken unto thy ſervant; but I am ſlow of ſpeech, and of a ſlow tongue.

11 And the Lord ſaid unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb or deaf, or the ſeeing, or the blind? have not I the Lord?

12 Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou ſhalt ſay.

13 And he ſaid, O my Lord, ſend, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt ſend.

14 And the anger of the Lord was kindled againſt Moſes, and he ſaid, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can ſpeak well. And alſo behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he ſeeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

15 And thou ſhalt ſpeak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye ſhall do.

16 And he ſhall be thy ſpokeſman unto the people: and he ſhall be, even he ſhall be to thee inſtead of a mouth, and thou ſhalt be to him inſtead of God.

17 And thou ſhalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou ſhalt do ſigns.

18 And Moſes went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and ſaid unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and ſee whether they be yet alive. And Jethro ſaid to Moſes, Go in peace.

19 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which ſought thy life.

20 And Moſes took his wife and his ſons, and ſet them upon an aſs, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moſes took the rod of God in his hand.

21 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, When thou goeſt to return into Egypt, ſee that thou do all thoſe wonders be-

His hand was leprous, ver. 6.] To teach him and them, that God can change things ſuddenly, and that the miracles he ſhould work was not by any inherent power himſelf.

fore Pharaoh which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he ſhall not let the people go.

22 And thou ſhalt ſay unto Pharaoh, Thus ſaith the Lord, Iſrael is my ſon, even my firſt-born:

23 And I ſay unto thee, Let my ſon go, that he may ſerve me: and if thou refuſe to let him go, behold, I will ſlay thy ſon, even thy firſt-born:

24 And it came to paſs by the way in the inn, that the Lord met him, and ſought to kill him.

25 Then Zipporah took a ſharp ſtone, and cut off the foreſkin of her ſon, and caſt it at his feet, and ſaid, Surely a bloody huſband art thou to me.

26 So he let him go: then ſhe ſaid, A bloody huſband thou art, becauſe of the circumciſion.

27 And the Lord ſaid to Aaron, Go into the wilderneſs to meet Moſes. And he went and met him in the mount of God, and kiſſed him.

28 And Moſes told Aaron all the words of the Lord, who had ſent him, and all the ſigns which he had commanded him.

29 And Moſes and Aaron went, and gathered together all the elders of the children of Iſrael:

30 And Aaron ſpake all the words which the Lord had ſpoken unto Moſes, and did the ſigns in the ſight of the people.

31 And the people believed: and when they heard that the Lord had viſited the children of Iſrael, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worſhipped.

CHAP. V.

Pharaoh chideth Moſes and Aaron: he increaſeth the Iſraelites taſk, &c.

AND afterward Moſes and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſrael, Let my people go, that they may hold a feaſt unto me in the wilderneſs.

2 And Pharaoh ſaid, Who is the Lord, that I ſhould obey his voice to let Iſrael go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Iſrael go.

3 And they ſaid, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days journey into the deſert, and ſacrifice unto the Lord our God: leſt he fall upon us with peſtilence, or with the ſword.

4 And the king of Egypt ſaid unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moſes and Aaron, let the people from their works? get ye unto your burdens.

5 ¶ And Pharaoh ſaid, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and ye make them reſt from their burdens.

6 And Pharaoh commanded the ſame day the taſk-maſters of the people, and their officers, ſaying,

7 Ye ſhall no more give the people ſtraw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather ſtraw for themſelves.

8 And the tale of the bricks which they did make heretofore, ye ſhall lay upon them; ye ſhall not diminiſh ought thereof; for they be idle: therefore they cry, ſaying, Let us go and ſacrifice to our God.

Sought to kill him, ver. 24.) For neglecting to circumciſe his ſon, for which he was guilty of death; which probably he did in compliance with his wife's humor, who was averſe to that painful and dangerous ordinance.

9 Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein: and let them not regard vain words.

10 And the taſk-maſters of the people went out, and their officers, and they ſpake to the people, ſaying, Thus ſaith Pharaoh, I will not give you ſtraw.

11 Go ye, get ye ſtraw where ye can find it: yet not ought of your work ſhall be diminiſhed.

12 So the people were ſcattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt, to gather ſtubble inſtead of ſtraw.

13 And the taſk-maſters haſted them, ſaying, Fulfil your works, your daily taſks, as when there was ſtraw.

14 And the officers of the children of Iſrael, which Pharaoh's taſk-maſters had ſet over them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your taſk in making brick, both yeſterday and to-day, as heretofore?

15 Then the officers of the children of Iſrael came and cried unto Pharaoh, ſaying, Wherefore dealeſt thou thus with thy ſervants?

16 There is no ſtraw given unto thy ſervants, and they ſay to us, Make brick: and behold, thy ſervants are beaten; but the fault is in thine own people.

17 But he ſaid, Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye ſay, Let us go, and do ſacrifice to the Lord.

18 Go therefore now and work; for there ſhall no ſtraw be given you, yet ſhall ye deliver the tale of bricks.

19 And the officers of the children of Iſrael did ſee that they were in evil caſe after it was ſaid, Ye ſhall not miniſh ought from your bricks of your daily taſk.

20 And they met Moſes and Aaron, who ſtood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh:

21 And they ſaid unto them, The Lord look upon you, and judge; becauſe ye have made our ſavour to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his ſervants, to put a ſword in their hand to ſlay us.

22 ¶ And Moſes returned unto the Lord, and ſaid, Lord, wherefore haſt thou ſo evil intreated this people? why is it that thou haſt ſent me?

23 For ſince I came to Pharaoh to ſpeak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither haſt thou delivered thy people at all.

CHAP. VI.

God reneweth his promiſe, by his name JEHOVAH, &c.

THEN the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Now ſhalt thou ſee what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a ſtrong hand ſhall he let them go, and with a ſtrong hand ſhall he drive them out of his land.

2 And God ſpake unto Moſes, and ſaid unto him, I am the Lord:

3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Iſaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

4 And I have alſo eſtabliſhed my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were ſtrangers.

Not regard vain words, ver. 9.) Falſe; which they falſely pretend to come from God.
With a ſtrong hand, &c. ver. 1.) By reaſon of thoſe terrible judgments which my power ſhall inflict upon him.

5 And I have alſo heard the groaning of the children of Iſrael, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage: and I have remembered my covenant.

6 Wherefore ſay unto the children of Iſrael, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage: and I will redeem you with a ſtretched-out arm, and with great judgements.

7 And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye ſhall know that I am the Lord your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

8 And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did ſwear, to give it to Abraham, to Iſaac, and to Jacob: and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the Lord.

9 And Moſes ſpake ſo unto the children of Iſrael; but they hearkened not unto Moſes, for anguiſh of ſpirit, and for cruel bondage.

10 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

11 Go in, ſpeak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Iſrael go out of his land.

12 And Moſes ſpake before the Lord, ſaying, Behold, the children of Iſrael have not hearkened unto me; how then ſhall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumciſed lips?

13 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Iſrael, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Iſrael out of the land of Egypt.

14 ¶ Theſe be the heads of their fathers houſes: the ſons of Reuben the firſt-born of Iſrael; Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi: theſe be the families of Reuben.

15 And the ſons of Simeon, Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the ſon of a Canaanitiſh woman: theſe are the families of Simeon.

16 ¶ And theſe are the names of the ſons of Levi, according to their generations; Gerſhon, and Kohath, and Merari: and the years of the life of Levi were an hundred thirty and ſeven years.

17 The ſons of Gerſhon; Libni, and Shimi, according to their families.

18 And the ſons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel: and the years of the life of Kohath were an hundred thirty and three years.

19 And the ſons of Merari; Mahali, and Muſhi: theſe are the families of Levi, according to their generations.

20 And Amram took him Jochebed his father's ſiſter to wife; and ſhe bare him Aaron and Moſes: and the years of the life of Amram were an hundred and thirty and ſeven years.

21 And the ſons of Izhar; Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri.

22 And the ſons of Uzziel; Miſhael and Elzaphan, and Zithri.

23 And Aaron took him Eliſheba, daughter of Amminadab, ſiſter of Naaſhon, to wife; and ſhe bare him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

24 And the ſons of Korah; Aſſir, and Elkanah, and Abiaſaph: theſe are the families of the Korhites.

Take you to me for a people, &c. ver. 7.) Under mine own immediate government, and you ſhall know and ſerve me, and enjoy all manner of temporal and ſpiritual bleſſings from me.

25 And Eleazar Aaron's ſon took him one of the daughters of Putiel to wife; and ſhe bare him Phinehas: theſe are the heads of the fathers of the Levites, according to their families.

26 Theſe are that Aaron and Moſes, to whom the Lord ſaid, Bring out the children of Iſrael from the land of Egypt, according to their armies.

27 Theſe are they which ſpake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Iſrael from Egypt: theſe are that Moſes and Aaron.

28 And it came to paſs on the day when the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, in the land of Egypt,

29 That the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying, I am the Lord: ſpeak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I ſay unto thee.

30 And Moſes ſaid before the Lord, Behold, I am of uncircumciſed lips, and how ſhall Pharaoh hearken unto me?

CHAP. VII.

Moſes is encouraged to go to Pharaoh: his rod is turned into a ſerpent, &c.

AND the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother ſhall be thy prophet.

2 Thou ſhalt ſpeak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother ſhall ſpeak unto Pharaoh, that he ſend the children of Iſrael out of his land.

3 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my ſigns and my wonders in the land of Egypt.

4 But Pharaoh ſhall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Iſrael, out of the land of Egypt, by great judgements.

5 And the Egyptians ſhall know, that I am the Lord, when I ſtretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Iſrael from among them.

6 And Moſes and Aaron did as the Lord commanded them, ſo did they.

7 And Moſes was fourſcore years old, and Aaron fourſcore and three years old, when they ſpake unto Pharaoh.

8 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, ſaying,

9 When Pharaoh ſhall ſpeak unto you, ſaying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou ſhalt ſay unto Aaron, Take thy rod and caſt it before Pharaoh, and it ſhall become a ſerpent.

10 And Moſes and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did ſo as the Lord had commanded: and Aaron caſt down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his ſervants, and it became a ſerpent.

11 Then Pharaoh alſo called the wiſemen, and the ſorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they alſo did in like manner with their inchantments;

12 For they caſt down every man his rod, and they became ſerpents: but Aaron's rod ſwallowed up their rods.

13 ¶ And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had ſaid.

14 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuſeth to let the people go.

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Armies, ver. 26.) Numerous families which went out of Egypt, in military order, like armies, and with great power.
I am of uncircumciſed lips, ver. 30.] Of unacceptable ſpeech, and unable to ſpeak in a prevailing way.

15 Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water: and thou ſhalt ſtand by the river's brink, againſt he come: and the rod which was turned to a ſerpent ſhalt thou take in thine hand.

16 And thou ſhalt ſay unto him, The Lord God of the Hebrews hath ſent me unto thee, ſaying, Let my people go, that they may ſerve me in the wilderneſs: and behold, hitherto thou wouldeſt not hear.

17 Thus ſaith the Lord, In this thou ſhalt know that I am the Lord: behold, I will ſmite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they ſhall be turned to blood.

18 And the fiſh that is in the river ſhall die, and the river ſhall ſtink; and the Egyptians ſhall loathe to drink of the water of the river.

19 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and ſtretch out thine hand upon the waters, of Egypt, upon their ſtreams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood: and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in veſſels of wood, and in veſſels of ſtone.

20 And Moſes and Aaron did ſo, as the Lord commanded: and he lifted up the rod, and ſmote the waters that were in the river, in the ſight of Pharaoh, and in the ſight of his ſervants: and all the waters that were in the river, were turned to blood.

21 And the fiſh that was in the river died; and the river ſtank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river: and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

22 And the magicians of Egypt did ſo with their inchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the Lord had ſaid.

23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his houſe, neither did he ſet his heart to this alſo.

24 And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink: for they could not drink of the water of the river.

25 And ſeven days were fulfilled, after that the Lord had ſmitten the river.

CHAP. VIII.

Frogs are ſent: the duſt turned into lice, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, Go unto Pharaoh, and ſay unto him, Thus ſaith the Lord, Let my people go, that they may ſerve me:

2 And if thou refuſe to let them go, behold, I will ſmite all thy borders with frogs.

3 And the river ſhall bring forth frogs abundantly, which ſhall go up and come into thine houſe, and into thy bed-chamber, and upon thy bed, and into the houſe of thy ſervants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneading-troughs:

4 And the frogs ſhall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy ſervants.

Did ſo with their enchantments, ver. 22.) In ſome waters which they got out of pits. They could encreaſe their own plagues, but not eaſe themſelves.

5 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the ſtreams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cauſe frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.

6 And Aaron ſtretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt.

7 And the magicians did ſo with their inchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

8 Then Pharaoh called for Moſes and Aaron, and ſaid, Intreat the Lord, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do ſacrifice unto the Lord.

9 And Moſes ſaid unto Pharaoh, Glory over me: when ſhall I intreat for thee, and for thy ſervants, and for thy people: to deſtroy the frogs from thee, and thy houſes, that they may remain in the river only?

10 And he ſaid, To-morrow. And he ſaid, Be it according to thy word: that thou mayeſt know, that there is none like unto the Lord our God.

11 And the frogs ſhall depart from thee, and from thy houſes, and from thy ſervants, and from thy people; they ſhall remain in the river only.

12 And Moſes and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moſes cried unto the Lord, becauſe of the frogs which he had brought againſt Pharaoh.

13 And the Lord did according to the word of Moſes: and the frogs died out of the houſes, out of the villages, and out of the fields.

14 And they gathered them together upon heaps; and the land ſtank.

15 But when Pharaoh ſaw that there was reſpite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had ſaid.

16 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and ſmite the duſt of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

17 And they did ſo; for Aaron ſtretched out his hand with his rod, and ſmote the duſt of the earth, and it became lice in man and in beaſt: all the duſt of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

18 And the magicians did ſo with their inchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: ſo there were lice upon man, and upon beaſt.

19 Then the magicians ſaid unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had ſaid.

20 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Riſe up early in the morning, and ſtand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and ſay unto him, Thus ſaith the Lord, Let my people go, that they may ſerve me:

21 Elſe, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will ſend ſwarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy ſervants, and upon thy people, and into thy houſes: and the houſes of the Egyptians ſhall be full of ſwarms of flies, and alſo the ground whereon they are.

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To-morrow, ver. 10.) He was ſo loath to be beholding to God or Moſes, that he choſe rather to endure the plague till next day, to ſee whether it might not go away of itſelf.

22 And I will ſever in that day the land of Goſhen, in which my people dwell, that no ſwarms of flies ſhall be there; to the end thou mayeſt know that I am the Lord in the midſt of the earth.

23 And I will put a diviſion between my people, and thy people: to-morrow ſhall this ſign be.

24 And the Lord did ſo: and there came a grievous ſwarm of flies into the houſe of Pharaoh, and into his ſervants houſes, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reaſon of the ſwarm of flies.

25 And Pharaoh called for Moſes, and for Aaron, and ſaid, Go ye, ſacrifice to your God in the land.

26 And Moſes ſaid, It is not meet ſo to do; for we ſhall ſacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the Lord our God: lo, ſhall we ſacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not ſtone us?

27 We will go three days journey into the wilderneſs, and ſacrifice to the Lord our God, as he ſhall command us.

28 And Pharaoh ſaid, I will let you go, that ye may ſacrifice to the Lord your God in the wilderneſs; only ye ſhall not go very far away: intreat for me.

29 And Moſes ſaid, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will intreat the Lord, that the ſwarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his ſervants, and from his people, to-morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more, in not letting the people go to ſacrifice to the Lord.

30 And Moſes went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the Lord.

31 And the Lord did according to the word of Moſes; and he removed the ſwarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his ſervants, and from his people: there remained not one.

32 ¶ And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time alſo, neither would he let the people go.

CHAP. IX.

The murrain of beaſts: the plague of boils and blains, &c.

THEN the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus ſaith the Lord God of the Hebrews, Let my people go that they may ſerve me:

2 For if thou refuſe to let them go, and wilt hold them ſtill,

3 Behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thy cattle which is in the field; upon the horſes, upon the aſſes, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the ſheep: there ſhall be a very grievous murrain.

4 And the Lord ſhall ſever between the cattle of Iſrael, and the cattle of Egypt: and there ſhall nothing die of all that is the children's of Iſrael.

5 And the Lord appointed a ſet time, ſaying, To-morrow the Lord ſhall do this thing in the land.

6 And the Lord did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Iſrael died not one.

The land was corrupted, &c. ver. 24.] The air was infected, and many were poiſoned or ſtung to death by the flies.
Hand of the Lord, ver. 3.) The extraordinary, immediate power of God, without any human means.

7 And Pharaoh ſent, and behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Iſraelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

8 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of aſhes of the furnace, and let Moſes ſprinkle it toward the heaven in the ſight of Pharaoh:

9 And it ſhall become ſmall duſt in all the land of Egypt, and ſhall be a boil breaking forth with blains, upon man, and upon beaſt, throughout all the land of Egypt.

10 And they took aſhes of the furnace, and ſtood before Pharaoh; and Moſes ſprinkled it up toward heaven: and it became a boil breaking forth with blains, upon man, and upon beaſt.

11 And the magicians could not ſtand before Moſes, becauſe of the boils: for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians.

12 And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had ſpoken unto Moſes.

13 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Riſe up early in the morning, and ſtand before Pharaoh, and ſay unto him, Thus ſaith the Lord God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may ſerve me.

14 For I will at this time ſend all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy ſervants, and upon thy people: that thou mayeſt know, that there is none like me in all the earth.

15 For now I will ſtretch out my hand, that I may ſmite thee and thy people with peſtilence; and thou ſhalt be cut off from the earth.

16 And in very deed for this cauſe have I raiſed thee up, for to ſhew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.

17 As yet exalteſt thou thyſelf againſt my people, that thou wilt not let them go?

18 Behold, to-morrow about this time, I will cauſe it to rain a very grievous hail, ſuch as hath not been in Egypt, ſince the foundation thereof even until now.

19 Send therefore now, and gather thy cattle, and all that thou haſt in the field; for upon every man and beaſt which ſhall be found in the field, and ſhall not be brought home, the hail ſhall come down upon them, and they ſhall die.

20 He that feared the word of the Lord among the ſervants of Pharaoh, made his ſervants and his cattle flee into the houſes:

21 And he that regarded not the word of the Lord, left his ſervants and his cattle in the field.

22 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beaſt, and upon every herb of the field throughout the land of Egypt.

23 And Moſes ſtretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the Lord ſent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the Lord rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, ſuch as

The furnace, ver. 8.) As they oppreſſed the Iſraelites with furnace-work in burning of brick, ſo now they are puniſhed with burning ſores, which came from aſhes taken out of the furnace.

there was none like it in all the land of Egypt, ſince it became a nation.

25 And the hail ſmote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beaſt: and the hail ſmote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.

26 Only in the land of Goſhen, where the children of Iſrael were, was there no hail.

27 And Pharaoh ſent, and called for Moſes and Aaron, and ſaid unto them, I have ſinned this time: the Lord is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.

28 Intreat the Lord (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye ſhall ſtay no longer.

29 And Moſes ſaid unto him, As ſoon as I am gone out of the city, I will ſpread abroad my hands unto the Lord: and the thunder ſhall ceaſe, neither ſhall there be any more hail; that thou mayeſt know, how that the earth is the Lord's.

30 But as for thee and thy ſervants, I know that ye will not yet fear the Lord God.

31 And the flax and the barley was ſmitten: for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was bolled.

32 But the wheat and the rie were not ſmitten: for they were not grown up.

33 And Moſes went out of the city from Pharaoh, and ſpread abroad his hands unto the Lord: and the thunders and hail ceaſed, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

34 And when Pharaoh ſaw that the rain, and the hail, and the thunders were ceaſed, he ſinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his ſervants.

35 And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Iſrael go; as the Lord had ſpoken by Moſes.

CHAP. X.

The plague of locuſts, of darkneſs, &c.

AND the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his ſervants; that I might ſhew theſe my ſigns before him:

2 And that thou mayeſt tell in the ears of thy ſon, and of thy ſon's ſon, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my ſigns which I have done among them; that ye may know, how that I am the Lord.

3 And Moſes and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith the Lord God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuſe to humble thyſelf before me? let my people go, that they may ſerve me:

4 Elſe, if thou refuſe to let my people go, behold, to-morrow will I bring the locuſts into thy coaſts:

5 And they ſhall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to ſee the earth: and they ſhall eat the reſidue of that which is eſcaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and ſhall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field:

I have ſinned this time, ver. 27.) Now I cannot but acknowledge my ſin.
It is enough, &c. ver. 28.] The plagues which God has already inflicted upon me ſhall ſuffice for your diſmiſſion.

6 And they ſhall fill thy houſes, and the houſes of all thy ſervants, and the houſes of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers fathers have ſeen, ſince the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himſelf, and went out from Pharaoh.

7 And Pharaoh's ſervants ſaid unto him, How long ſhall this man be a ſnare unto us? let the men go, that they may ſerve the Lord their God: knoweſt thou not yet, that Egypt is deſtroyed?

8 And Moſes and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he ſaid unto them, Go, ſerve the Lord your God: but who are they that ſhall go?

9 And Moſes ſaid, We will go with our young and with our old, with our ſons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go: for we muſt hold a feaſt unto the Lord.

10 And he ſaid unto them, Let the Lord be ſo with you, as I will let you go and your little ones: look to it; for evil is before you.

11 Not ſo: go now ye that are men, and ſerve the Lord, for that ye did deſire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's preſence.

12 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locuſts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, even all that the hail hath left.

13 And Moſes ſtretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought an eaſt-wind upon the land all that day and all that night: and when it was morning, the eaſt-wind brought the locuſts.

14 And the locuſts went up over all the land of Egypt, and reſted in all the coaſts of Egypt: very grievous were they; before them there were no ſuch locuſts as they, neither after them ſhall be ſuch.

15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, ſo that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left; and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

16 Then Pharaoh called for Moſes and Aaron in haſte; and he ſaid, I have ſinned againſt the Lord your God, and againſt you.

17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my ſin only this once, and intreat the Lord your God, that he may take away from me this death only.

18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the Lord.

19 And the Lord turned a mighty ſtrong weſt-wind, which took away the locuſts, and caſt them into the Red ſea: there remained not one locuſt in all the coaſts of Egypt.

20 But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, ſo that he would not let the children of Iſrael go.

21 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkneſs over the land of Egypt, even darkneſs which may be felt.

Let the Lord, &c. ver. 10.] If I let you go, then let your great God proſper you, and do what he can for you.
Only this once, ver. 17.) If ever I treſpaſs again in this kind, pray for me no more.

22 And Moſes ſtretched forth his hand toward heaven: and there was a thick darkneſs in all the land of Egypt three days.

23 They ſaw not one another, neither roſe any from his place for three days; but all the children of Iſrael had light in their dwellings.

24 And Pharaoh called unto Moſes, and ſaid, Go ye, ſerve the Lord: only let your flocks and your herds be ſtayed: let your little ones alſo go with you.

25 And Moſes ſaid, Thou muſt give us alſo ſacrifices, and burnt-offerings, that we may ſacrifice unto the Lord our God.

26 Our cattle alſo ſhall go with us: there ſhall not an hoof be left behind: for thereof muſt we take to ſerve the Lord our God: and we know not with what we muſt ſerve the Lord, until we come thither.

27 ¶ But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

28 And Pharaoh ſaid unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyſelf, ſee my face no more: for in that day thou ſeeſt my face, thou ſhalt die.

29 And Moſes ſaid, Thou haſt ſpoken well, I will ſee thy face again no more.

CHAP. XI.

God's meſſage to the Iſraelites to borrow jewels of their neighbours, &c.

AND the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt, afterwards he will let you go hence: when he ſhall let you go, he ſhall ſurely thruſt you out hence altogether.

2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of ſilver, and jewels of gold.

3 And the Lord gave the people, favour in the ſight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moſes was very great in the land of Egypt, in the ſight of Pharaoh's ſervants, and in the ſight of the people.

4 ¶ And Moſes ſaid, Thus ſaith the Lord, About midnight will I go out into the midſt of Egypt:

5 And all the firſt-born in the land of Egypt ſhall die, from the firſt-born of Pharaoh, that ſitteth upon his throne, even unto the firſt-born of the maid-ſervant, that is behind the mill; and all the firſt-born of beaſts.

6 And there ſhall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, ſuch as there was none like it, nor ſhall be like it any more.

7 But againſt any of the children of Iſrael ſhall not a dog move his tongue, againſt man or beaſt: that ye may know, how that the Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Iſrael.

8 And all theſe thy ſervants ſhall come down unto me, and bow down themſelves unto me, ſaying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee; and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger.

9 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Pharaoh ſhall not hearken unto you: that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.

And Moſes ſaid, ver. 4.) To Pharaoh before he went out of his preſence.
Not a dog move his tongue, &c. ver. 7.) They ſhall not have the leaſt let, or diſturbance.

10 And Moſes and Aaron did all theſe wonders before Pharaoh: and the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, ſo that he would not let the children of Iſrael go out of his land.

CHAP. XII.

The paſs-over inſtituted: the firſt-born are ſlain, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ſaying,

2 This month ſhall be unto you the beginning of months: it ſhall be the firſt month of the year to you.

3 ¶ Speak ye unto all the congregation of Iſrael, ſaying, * In the tenth day of this month they ſhall take to them every man a lamb, according to the houſe of their fathers, a lamb for an houſe:

4 And if the houſhold be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his houſe take it, according to the number of the ſouls; every man according to his eating, ſhall make your count for the lamb.

5 Your lamb ſhall be without blemiſh a male of the firſt year: ye ſhall take it out from the ſheep, or from the goats:

6 And ye ſhall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the ſame month: and the whole aſſembly of the congregation of Iſrael ſhall kill it in the evening.

7 And they ſhall take of the blood, and ſtrike it on the two ſide-poſts, and on the upper door-poſt of the houſes wherein they ſhall eat it.

8 And they ſhall eat the fleſh in that night: roaſt with fire, and unleavened bread, and with bitter herbs they ſhall eat it.

9 Eat not of it raw, nor ſodden at all with water, but roaſt with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

10 And ye ſhall let nothing of it remain until the morning: and that which remaineth of it until the morning, ye ſhall burn with fire.

11 And thus ſhall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your ſhoes on your feet, and your ſtaff in your hand: and ye ſhall eat it in haſte: it is the Lord's paſs-over.

12 For I will paſs through the land of Egypt this night, and will ſmite all the firſt-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beaſt: and againſt all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgement: I am the Lord.

13 And the blood ſhall be to you for a token upon the houſes where ye are: and when I ſee the blood, I will paſs over you, and the plague ſhall not be upon you to deſtroy you, when I ſmite the land of Egypt.

14 And this day ſhall be unto you for a memorial; and ye ſhall keep it a feaſt to the Lord throughout your generations: ye ſhall keep it a feaſt by an ordinance for ever.

15 Seven days ſhall ye eat unleavened bread: even the firſt day ye ſhall put away leaven out of your houſes; for whoſoever eateth leavened bread from the firſt day until the ſeventh day, that ſoul ſhall be cut off from Iſrael.

16 And in the firſt day there ſhall be an holy convocation, and in the ſeventh

* To teach the Church in all ages how neceſſary preparation is before the ſolemn duties and exerciſes of Piety.

day there ſhall be an holy convocation to you: no manner of work ſhall be done in them, ſave that which every man muſt eat, that only may be done of you.

17 And ye ſhall obſerve the feaſt of unleavened bread; for in this ſelf-ſame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore ſhall ye obſerve this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.

18 In the firſt month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even ye ſhall eat unleavened bread until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.

19 Seven days ſhall there be no leaven found in your houſes: for whoſoever eateth that which is leavened, even that ſoul ſhall be cut off from the congregation of Iſrael, whether he be a ſtranger, or born in the land.

20 Ye ſhall eat nothing leavened: in all your habitations ſhall ye eat unleavened bread.

21 Then Moſes called for all the elders of Iſrael, and ſaid unto them, Draw out, and take ye a lamb according to your families, and kill the paſſover.

22 And ye ſhall take a bunch of hyſſop, and dip it in the blood that is in the baſon, and ſtrike the lintel and the two ſide-poſts with the blood that is in the baſon: and none of you ſhall * go out at the door of his houſe until the morning.

23 For the Lord will paſs through to ſmite the Egyptians; and when he ſeeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two ſide-poſts, the Lord will paſs over the door, and will not ſuffer the deſtroyer to come in unto your houſes to ſmite you.

24 And ye ſhall obſerve this thing for an ordinance to thee, and to thy ſons for ever.

25 And it ſhall come to paſs, when ye be come to the land which the Lord will give you, according as he hath promiſed, that ye ſhall keep this ſervice.

26 And it ſhall come to paſs, when your children ſhall ſay unto you, What mean ye by this ſervice?

27 That ye ſhall ſay, It is the ſacrifice of the Lord's paſs-over, who paſſed over the houſes of the children of Iſrael in Egypt, when he ſmote the Egyptians, and delivered our houſes. And the people bowed the head and worſhipped.

28 And the children of Iſrael went away, and did as the Lord had commanded Moſes and Aaron, ſo did they.

29 ¶ And it came to paſs, that at mid-night the Lord ſmote all the firſt-born in the land of Egypt, from the firſt-born of Pharaoh that ſat on his throne, unto the firſt-born of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firſt-born of cattle.

30 And Pharaoh roſe up in the night, he and all his ſervants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt: for there was not an houſe where there was not one dead.

31 ¶ And he called for Moſes and Aaron by night, and ſaid, Riſe up, and get ye forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Iſrael: and go, ſerve the Lord, as ye have ſaid.

* To note, that it is only under the protection and efficacy of Chriſt's blood that we are ſecured from deſtruction.

32 Alſo take your flocks, and your herds as ye have ſaid, and be gone: and bleſs me alſo.

33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might ſend them out of the land in haſte: for they ſaid, We be all dead men.

34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading-troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their ſhoulders,

35 And the children of Iſrael did according to the word of Moſes: and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of ſilver, and jewels of gold, and raiment.

36 And the Lord gave the people favour in the ſight of the Egyptians, ſo that they lent unto them ſuch things as they required. And they ſpoiled the Egyptians.

37 And the children of Iſrael journeyed from Rameſes to Succoth, about ſix hundred thouſand on foot that were men, beſide children.

38 And a mixed multitude went up alſo with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.

39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough, which they brought forth out of Egypt: for it was not leavened; becauſe they were thruſt out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themſelves any victual.

40 Now the ſojourning of the children of Iſrael, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.

41 And it came to paſs, at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the ſelf-ſame day it came to paſs, that all the hoſts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt.

42 It is a night to be much obſerved *unto the Lord, for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the Lord to be obſerved of all the children of Iſrael in their generations.

43 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the paſs-over: There ſhall no ſtranger eat thereof.

44 But every man's ſervant that is bought for money, when thou haſt circumciſed him, then ſhall he eat thereof:

45 A foreigner, and an hired ſervant ſhall not eat thereof.

46 In one houſe ſhall it be eaten; thou ſhalt not carry forth ought of the fleſh abroad out of the houſe: neither ſhall ye break a bone thereof.

47 All the congregation of Iſrael ſhall keep it.

48 And when a ſtranger ſhall ſojourn with thee, and will keep the paſs-over to the Lord, let all his males be circumciſed, and then let him come near and keep it; and he ſhall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumciſed perſon ſhall eat thereof.

49 One law ſhall be to him that is home-born, and unto the ſtranger that ſojourneth among you.

50 Thus did all the children of Iſrael: as the Lord commanded Moſes and Aaron, ſo did they.

51 And it came to paſs the ſelf-ſame day, that the Lord did bring the children of Iſrael out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

* To his honour, in the manifeſtation of his faithfulneſs and power.

CHAP. XIII.

The firſt-born ſanctified to God: the memorial of the paſs-over is commanded.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Sanctify unto me all the firſt-born, whatſoever openeth the womb among the children of Iſrael, both of man and of beaſt: it is mine.

3 ¶ And Moſes ſaid unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the houſe of bondage; for by ſtrength of hand the Lord brought you out from this place: there ſhall no leavened bread be eaten.

4 This day came ye out, in the month Abib.

5 And it ſhall be when the Lord ſhall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebuſites, which he ſware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou ſhalt keep this ſervice in this month.

6 Seven days thou ſhalt eat unleavened bread, and in the ſeventh day ſhall be a feaſt to the Lord.

7 Unleavened bread ſhall be eaten ſeven days: and there ſhall no leavened bread be ſeen with thee, neither ſhall there be leaven ſeen with thee in all thy quarters.

8 And thou ſhalt ſhew thy ſon in that day, ſaying, This is done becauſe of that which the Lord did unto me, when I came forth out of Egypt.

9 And it ſhall be for a ſign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes; that the Lord's law may be in thy mouth: for with a ſtrong hand hath the Lord brought thee out of Egypt.

10 Thou ſhalt therefore keep this ordinance in his ſeaſon from year to year.

11 And it ſhall be when the Lord ſhall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he ſware unto thee, and to thy fathers, and ſhall give it thee,

12 That thou ſhalt ſet apart unto the Lord all that openeth the matrix: and every firſtling that cometh of a beaſt which thou haſt, the males ſhall be the Lord's.

13 And every firſtling of an aſs thou ſhalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou ſhalt break his neck: and all the firſt-born of man among thy children ſhalt thou redeem.

14 And it ſhall be when thy ſon aſketh thee in time to come, ſaying, What is this? that * thou ſhalt ſay unto him, By ſtrength of hand the Lord brought us out from Egypt, from the houſe of bondage:

15 And it came to paſs when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the Lord ſlew all the firſt-born in the land of Egypt, both the firſt-born of man, and the firſt-born of beaſt: therefore I ſacrifice to the Lord all that openeth the matrix, being males; but all the firſt-born of my children I redeem.

16 And it ſhall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by ſtrength of hand the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt.

* Parents muſt inſtruct their children in the word and works of God, and in the reaſons of the ſeveral duties of worſhip.

17 And it came to paſs, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philiſtines, although that was near; for God ſaid, Leſt peradventure the people repent when they ſee war, and they return to Egypt:

18 But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderneſs of the Red ſea. And the children of Iſrael went up harneſſed out of the land of Egypt.

19 And Moſes took the bones of Joſeph with him: for he had ſtraitly ſworn the children of Iſrael, ſaying, God will ſurely viſit you; and ye ſhall carry up my bones away hence with you.

20 And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderneſs.

21 ¶ And the Lord went before them by day in * a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light; to go by day and night:

22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

CHAP. XIV.

Pharaoh purſueth: the Iſraelites murmur: they paſs through the Red ſea, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, that they turn and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the ſea, over-againſt Baal-zephon: before it ſhall ye encamp by the ſea;

3 For Pharaoh will ſay of the children of Iſrael, They are intangled in the land, the wilderneſs hath ſhut them in.

4 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he ſhall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his hoſt; that the Egyptians may know, that I am the Lord. And they did ſo.

5 ¶ And it was told the king of Egypt, that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his ſervants was turned againſt the people, and they ſaid, Why have we done this, that we have let Iſrael go from ſerving us?

6 And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him:

7 And he took ſix hundred choſen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them.

8 And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he purſued after the children of Iſrael: and the children of Iſrael went out with an high hand.

9 But the Egyptians purſued after them (all the horſes and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horſemen, and his army,) and overtook them encamping by the ſea, beſide Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon.

10 ¶ And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Iſrael lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were ſore afraid: and the children of Iſrael cried out unto the Lord.

* A cloud ſhaped like a pillar, which afterwards ſtood over the tabernacle, noting Chriſt's guidance and protection of his Church

11 And they ſaid unto Moſes, Becauſe there were no graves in Egypt, haſt thou taken us away to die in the wilderneſs? wherefore haſt thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?

12 Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, ſaying, Let us alone, that we may ſerve the Egyptians? for it had been better for us to ſerve the Egyptians, than that we ſhould die in the wilderneſs.

13 And Moſes ſaid unto the people, Fear ye not, ſtand ſtill, and ſee the ſalvation of the Lord, which he will ſhew to you to-day: for the Egyptians whom ye have ſeen to-day, ye ſhall ſee them again no more for ever.

14 The Lord ſhall fight for you, and ye ſhall hold your peace.

15 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Wherefore crieſt thou unto me? ſpeak unto the children of Iſrael, that they go forward:

16 But lift thou up thy rod, and ſtretch out thine hand over the ſea, and divide it; and the children of Iſrael ſhall go on dry-ground through the midſt of the ſea.

17 And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they ſhall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his hoſt, upon his chariots, and upon his horſemen.

18 And the Egyptians ſhall know, that I am the Lord, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horſemen.

19 And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Iſrael, removed and went behind them: and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and ſtood behind them.

20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians, and the camp of Iſrael: and it was a cloud and darkneſs to them, but it gave light by night to theſe: ſo that the one came not near the other all the night.

21 ¶ And Moſes ſtretched out his hand over the ſea; and the Lord cauſed the ſea to go back by a ſtrong eaſt wind all that night, and made the ſea dry-land, and the waters were divided.

22 And the children of Iſrael went into the midſt of the ſea upon the dry-ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right-hand and on their left.

23 ¶ And the Egyptians purſued, and went in after them to the midſt of the ſea, even all Pharaoh's horſes, his chariots, and his horſemen.

24 And it came to paſs, that in the morning watch the Lord* looked unto the hoſt of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the hoſt of the Egyptians,

25 And took off their chariot-wheels, that they drave them heavily: ſo that the Egyptians ſaid, Let us flee from the face of Iſrael; for the Lord fighteth for them againſt the Egyptians.

26 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Stretch out thine hand over the ſea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horſemen.

* Manifeſted his diſpleaſure againſt them with terrible ſtorms, claps and bolts of thunder and lightning.

27 And Moſes ſtretched forth his hand over the ſea; and the ſea returned to his ſtrength when the morning appeared: and the Egyptians fled againſt it: and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midſt of the ſea.

28 And the waters returned and covered the chariots, and the horſemen, and all the hoſt of Pharaoh that came into the ſea after them: there remained not ſo much as one of them.

29 But the children of Iſrael walked upon dry-land in the midſt of the ſea: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right-hand, and on their left.

30 Thus the Lord ſaved Iſrael that day out of the hand of the Egyptians: and Iſrael ſaw the Egyptians dead upon the ſea-ſhore.

31 And Iſrael ſaw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his ſervant Moſes.

CHAP. XV.

Moſes' ſong: the people want water, &c.

THEN ſang Moſes and the children of Iſrael this ſong unto the Lord, and ſpake, ſaying, I will ſing unto the Lord: for he hath triumphed glorioufly; the horſe and his rider hath he thrown into the ſea.

2 The Lord is my ſtrength and ſong, and he is become my ſalvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

3 The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name.

4 Pharaoh's chariots and his hoſt hath he caſt into the ſea: his choſen captains alſo are drowned in the Red ſea.

5 The depths have covered them: they ſank into the bottom as a ſtone.

6 Thy right-hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: thy right-hand, O Lord,* hath daſhed in pieces the enemy.

7 And in the greatneſs of thine excellency thou haſt overthrown them that roſe up againſt thee: thou ſenteſt forth thy wrath, which conſumed them as ſtubble.

8 And with the blaſt of thy noſtrils the waters were gathered together; the floods ſtood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the ſea.

9 The enemy ſaid, I will purſue, I will overtake, I will divide the ſpoil: my luſt ſhall be ſatisfied upon them; I will draw my ſword, my hand ſhall deſtroy them.

10 Thou didſt blow with thy wind, the ſea covered them: they ſank as lead in the mighty waters.

11 Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods! Who is like thee, glorious in holineſs, fearful in praiſes, doing wonders!

12 Thou ſtretchedſt out thy right-hand, the earth ſwallowed them.

13 Thou in thy mercy haſt led forth the people which thou haſt redeemed: thou haſt guided them in thy ſtrength unto thy holy habitation.

* All theſe words are in the future tenſe, as reſpecting ſomething to be done in after-times.

14 The people ſhall hear, and be afraid: ſorrow ſhall take hold on the inhabitants of Paleſtina.

15 Then the dukes of Edom ſhall be amazed, the mighty men of Moab, trembling ſhall take hold upon them: all the inhabitants of Canaan ſhall melt away.

16 Fear and dread ſhall fall upon them: by the greatneſs of thine arm they ſhall be as ſtill as a ſtone: till thy people paſs over, O Lord, till the people paſs over, which thou haſt purchaſed.

17 Thou ſhalt bring them in and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O Lord, which thou haſt made for thee to dwell in; in the ſanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have eſtabliſhed.

18 The Lord ſhall reign for ever and ever.

19 For the horſe of Pharaoh went in with his chariots, and with his horſemen into the ſea, and the Lord brought again the waters of the ſea upon them: but the children of Iſrael went on dry-land in the midſt of the ſea.

20 And Miriam the propheteſs, the ſiſter of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

21 And Miriam anſwered them, Sing ye to the Lord; for he hath triumphed glorioufly; the horſe and his rider hath he thrown into the ſea.

22 ¶ So Moſes brought Iſrael from the Red ſea, and they went out into the wilderneſs of Shur: and they went three days in the wilderneſs, and found no water.

23 ¶ And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah; for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah.

24 And the people murmured againſt Moſes, ſaying, What ſhall we drink?

25 ¶ And he cried unto the Lord: and the Lord ſhewed him a tree which when he had caſt into the waters, the waters were made ſweet: there he made for them a ſtatute and an ordinance, and there he proved them,

26 And ſaid, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his ſight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his ſtatutes; I will put none of theſe diſeaſes upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that* healeth thee.

27 ¶ And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threeſcore and ten palm-trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

CHAP. XVI.

The Iſraelites murmur for want of bread: quails are ſent, and manna.

AND they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Iſrael came unto the wilderneſs of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the ſecond month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

2 ¶ And the whole congregation of the children of Iſrael murmured againſt Moſes and Aaron in the wilderneſs:

* Able to heal and help thee in body and ſoul, and to preſerve thee from all evil, both preſent and future.

3 And the children of Iſrael ſaid unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we ſat by the fleſh-pots, and when we did eat bread to the full: for ye have brought us forth into the wilderneſs, to kill this whole aſſembly with hunger.

4 Then ſaid the Lord unto Moſes, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people ſhall go out, and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

5 And it ſhall come to paſs, that on the ſixth day, they ſhall prepare that which they bring in; and it ſhall be twice as much as they gather daily.

6 And Moſes and Aaron ſaid unto all the children of Iſrael, At even, then ye ſhall know that the Lord hath brought you out from the land of Egypt:

7 And in the morning, then ye ſhall ſee the glory of the Lord; for that he heareth your murmurings againſt the Lord: and what are we, that ye murmur againſt us?

8 And Moſes ſaid, This ſhall be, when the Lord ſhall give you in the evening fleſh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full: for that the Lord heareth your murmurings which ye murmur againſt him: and what are we? your murmurings are not againſt us, but againſt the Lord.

9 And Moſes ſpake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Iſrael, Come near before the Lord: for he hath heard your murmurings.

10 And it came to paſs as Aaron ſpake unto the whole congregation of the children of Iſrael, that they looked toward the wilderneſs, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

11 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

12 I have heard the murmurings of the children of Iſrael; ſpeak unto them, ſaying, At even ye ſhall eat fleſh, and in the morning ye ſhall be filled with bread: and ye ſhall know that I am the Lord your God.

13 And it came to paſs, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the hoſt.

14 ¶ And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderneſs there lay a ſmall round thing, as ſmall as the hoar-froſt on the ground.

15 And when the children of Iſrael ſaw it, they ſaid one to another, It is manna: for they wiſt not what it was. And Moſes ſaid unto them, This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat.

16 This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating: an omer for every man, according to the number of your perſons; take ye every man for them which are in his tents.

17 And the children of Iſrael did ſo, and gathered ſome more, and ſome leſs.

18 And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much, had nothing over, and he that gathered little,

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Had nothing over, &c. 18.] Every one gathered what he could, which was put into a common ſtock, which was meaſured out in equal ſhares to all. This notes the equal portion which all believers have in Chriſt.

had no lack: they gathered every man according to his eating.

19 And Moſes ſaid, Let no man leave of it till the morning.

20 Notwithſtanding they hearkened not unto Moſes; but ſome of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms and ſtank: and Moſes was wroth with them.

21 And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the ſun waxed hot, it melted.

22 And it came to paſs, that on the ſixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moſes.

23 And he ſaid unto them, This is that which the Lord hath ſaid, To-morrow is the reſt of the holy ſabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake to-day, and ſeethe that ye will ſeethe; and that which remaineth over, lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

24 And they laid it up till the morning, as Moſes bade; and it did not ſtink, neither was there any worm therein.

25 And Moſes ſaid, Eat that to-day; for to-day is a ſabbath unto the Lord: to-day ye ſhall not find it in the field.

26 Six days ye ſhall gather it, but on the ſeventh day, which is the ſabbath, in it there ſhall be none.

27 And it came to paſs, that there went out ſome of the people on the ſeventh day for to gather, and they found none.

28 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, How long refuſe ye to keep my commandments and my laws?

29 See, for that the Lord hath given you the ſabbath, therefore he giveth you on the ſixth day the bread of two days: abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the ſeventh day.

30 So the people reſted on the ſeventh day.

31 And the houſe of Iſrael called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander-ſeed, white; and the taſte of it was like wafers made with honey.

32 And Moſes ſaid, This is the thing which the Lord commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may ſee the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderneſs, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.

33 And Moſes ſaid unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the Lord, to be kept for your generations.

34 As the Lord commanded Moſes, ſo Aaron laid it up before the Teſtimony, to be kept.

35 And the children of Iſrael did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan.

36 Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah.

CHAP. XVII.

The people murmur for water, &c.

AND all the congregration of the children of Iſrael journeyed from the wilderneſs of Sin, after their journeys,

And it bred worms, and ſtank, ver. 20.] To puniſh their unbelief and diſobedience, and to teach them to be content with things preſent.

according to the commandment of the Lord, and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink.

2 Wherefore the people did chide with Moſes, and ſaid, Give us water that we may drink. And Moſes ſaid unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the Lord?

3 And the people thirſted there for water; and the people murmured againſt Moſes, and ſaid, Wherefore is this that thou haſt brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirſt?

4 And Moſes cried unto the Lord, ſaying, What ſhall I do unto this people? they be almoſt ready to ſtone me.

5 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Iſrael: and thy rod, wherewith thou ſmoteſt the river, take in thine hand, and go.

6 Behold, I will ſtand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou ſhalt ſmite the rock, and there ſhall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moſes did ſo in the ſight of the elders of Iſrael.

7 And he called the name of the place Maſſah, and Meribah, becauſe of the chiding of the children of Iſrael, and becauſe they tempted the Lord, ſaying, Is the Lord among us, or not?

8 Then came Amalek, and fought with Iſrael in Rephidim.

9 And Moſes ſaid unto Joſhua, Chooſe us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to-morrow I will ſtand on the top of the hill, with the rod of God in mine hand.

10 So Joſhua did as Moſes had ſaid to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moſes, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 And it came to paſs when Moſes held up his hand, that Iſrael prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moſes' hands were heavy; and they took a ſtone and put it under him, and he ſat thereon: and Aaron and Hur ſtayed up his hands, the one on the one ſide, and the other on the other ſide; and his hands were ſteady until the going down of the ſun.

13 ¶ And Joſhua diſcomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the ſword.

14 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearſe it in the ears of Joſhua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

15 And Moſes built an altar, and called the name of it JEHOVAH-niſſi:

16 For he ſaid, Becauſe the Lord hath ſworn, that the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

CHAP. XVIII.

Jethro bringeth to Moſes his wife and two ſons: Moſes entertaineth him, &c.

WHEN Jethro, the prieſt of Midian, Moſes' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moſes, and for Iſrael his people, and that the Lord had brought Iſrael out of Egypt;

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Thou ſhalt ſmite the rock, ver. 6.] So Chriſt being ſmitten with Moſes' rod, and bearing the curſe of the law, becomes ſpiritual drink to all true believers.

2 Then Jethro Moſes' father-in-law took Zipporah Moſes' wife, after he had ſent her back,

3 And her two ſons; of which the name of the one was Gerſhom; (for he ſaid, I have been an alien in a ſtrange land:)

4 And the name of the other was Eliezer; (for the God of my father, ſaid he, was mine help, and delivered me from the ſword of Pharaoh.)

5 And Jethro, Moſes' father-in-law, came with his ſons and his wife unto Moſes into the wilderneſs, where he encamped at the mount of God:

6 And he ſaid unto Moſes, I thy father-in-law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two ſons with her.

7 ¶ And Moſes went out to meet his father-in-law, and did obeiſance, and kiſſed him: and they aſked each other of their welfare; and they came into the tent.

8 And Moſes told his father-in-law all that the Lord had done unto Pharaoh, and to the Egyptians for Iſrael's ſake, and all the travel that had come upon them by the way, and how the Lord delivered them.

9 And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodneſs which the Lord had done to Iſrael: whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

10 And Jethro ſaid, Bleſſed be the Lord, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

11 Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly, he was above them.

12 And Jethro, Moſes' father-in-law, took a burnt-offering and ſacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Iſrael to eat bread with Moſes' father-in-law before God.

13 ¶ And it came to paſs on the morrow that Moſes ſat to judge the people: and the people ſtood by Moſes from the morning unto the evening.

14 And when Moſes' father-in-law ſaw all that he did to the people, he ſaid, What is this thing that thou doeſt to the people? why ſitteth thou thyſelf alone, and all the people ſtand by thee from morning unto the even?

15 And Moſes ſaid unto his father-in-law, Becauſe the people come unto me to enquire of God:

16 When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make them know the ſtatutes of God and his laws.

17 And Moſes' father-in-law ſaid unto him, The thing that thou doeſt is not good.

18 Thou wilt furely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee; for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyſelf alone.

19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counſel, and God ſhall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayeſt bring the cauſes unto God:

They dealt proudly, ver. 11.) Carried themſelves with ſcorn and inſolence, as if they thought it impoſſibbe that God ſhould deliver them out of their hands.

20 And thou ſhalt teach them ordinances and laws, and ſhalt ſhew them the way wherein they muſt walk, and the work that they muſt do.

21 Moreover, thou ſhalt provide out of all the people able men, ſuch as fear God, men of truth, hating covetouſneſs; and place ſuch over them, to be rulers of thouſands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

22 And let them judge the people at all ſeaſons: and it ſhall be, that every great matter they ſhall bring unto thee, but every ſmall matter they ſhall judge: ſo ſhall it be eaſier for thyſelf, and they ſhall bear the burden with thee.

23 If thou ſhalt do this thing, and God command thee ſo, then thou ſhalt be able to endure, and all this people ſhall alſo go to their place in peace.

24 So Moſes hearkened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had ſaid.

25 And Moſes choſe able men out of all Iſrael, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thouſands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

26 And they judged the people at all ſeaſons: the hard cauſes they brought unto Moſes, but every ſmall matter they judged themſelves.

27 And Moſes let his father-in-law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

CHAP. XIX.

The people come to Sinai: God's meſſage, &c.

IN the third month, when the children of Iſrael were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the ſame day came they into the wilderneſs of Sinai.

2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the deſert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderneſs: and there Iſrael encamped before the mount.

3 ¶ And Moſes went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, ſaying, Thus ſhalt thou ſay to the houſe of Jacob, and tell the children of Iſrael;

4 Ye have ſeen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles wings, and brought you unto myſelf.

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye ſhall be a peculiar treaſure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

6 And ye ſhall be unto me a kingdom of prieſts, and an holy nation. Theſe are the words which thou ſhalt ſpeak unto the children of Iſrael.

7 And Moſes came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all theſe words which the Lord commanded him.

8 ¶ And all the people anſwered together, and ſaid, All that the Lord hath ſpoken, we will do. And Moſes returned the words of the people unto the Lord.

9 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I ſpeak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moſes told the words of the people unto the Lord.

Did all that he had ſaid, ver. 24.) After God had commanded him the ſame, and that he had propounded it to the people.

10 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Go unto the people, and ſanctify them to-day and to-morrow, and let them waſh their clothes.

11 And be ready againſt the third day; for the third day the Lord will come down in the ſight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

12 And thou ſhalt ſet bounds unto the people round about, ſaying, Take heed to yourſelves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whoſoever toucheth the mount ſhall be ſurely put to death.

13 There ſhall not an hand touch it, but he ſhall ſurely be ſtoned, or ſhot through; whether it be beaſt or man, it ſhall not live: when the trumpet ſoundeth long, they ſhall come up to the mount.

14 And Moſes went down from the mount unto the people, and ſanctified the people; and they waſhed their clothes.

15 And he ſaid unto the people, Be ready againſt the third day: come not at your wives.

16 ¶ And it came to paſs on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; ſo that all the people that was in the camp trembled.

17 And Moſes brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they ſtood at the nether part of the mount.

18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a ſmoke, becauſe the Lord deſcended upon it in fire; and the ſmoke thereof aſcended as the ſmoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

19 And when the voice of the trumpet ſounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moſes ſpake, and God anſwered him by a voice.

20 And the Lord came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the Lord called Moſes up to the top of the mount, and Moſes went up.

21 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Go down, charge the people, leſt they break through unto the Lord to gaze, and many of them periſh.

22 And let the prieſts alſo, which come near to the Lord, ſanctify themſelves, leſt the Lord break forth upon them.

23 And Moſes ſaid unto the Lord, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedſt us, ſaying, Set bounds about the mount, and ſanctify it.

24 And the Lord ſaid unto him, Away, Get thee down, and thou ſhalt come up, thou and Aaron with thee: but let not the prieſts and the people break through, to come up unto the Lord, leſt he break forth upon them.

25 So Moſes went down unto the people, and ſpake unto them.

CHAP. XX.

The ten commandments: idolatry forbidden, &c.

AND God ſpake all theſe words, ſaying,

Set bounds unto the people, ver. 12.) To make them ſenſible of their own impurity and infirmity, and of their abſolute need of a Mediator.

2 I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the houſe of bondage.

3 Thou ſhalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou ſhalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeneſs of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5 Thou ſhalt not bow down thyſelf to them, nor ſerve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, viſiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me:

6 And ſhewing mercy unto thouſands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7 Thou ſhalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltleſs that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the ſabbath-day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days ſhalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the ſeventh day is the ſabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou ſhalt not do any work, thou, nor thy ſon, nor thy daughter, thy man-ſervant, nor thy maid-ſervant, nor thy cattle, nor thy ſtranger that is within thy gates:

11 For in ſix days the Lord made heaven and earth, the ſea, and all that in them is, and reſted the ſeventh day: wherefore the Lord bleſſed the ſabbath-day, and hallowed it.

12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou ſhalt not kill.

14 Thou ſhalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou ſhalt not ſteal.

16 Thou ſhalt not bear falſe witneſs againſt thy neighbour.

17 Thou ſhalt not covet thy neighbour's houſe, thou ſhalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-ſervant, nor his maid-ſervant, nor his ox, nor his aſs, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

18 And all the people ſaw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noiſe of the trumpet, and the mountain ſmoking: and when the people ſaw it, they removed, and ſtood afar off.

19 And they ſaid unto Moſes, Speak thou with us: and we will hear: but let not God ſpeak with us, leſt we die.

20 And Moſes ſaid unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye ſin not.

21 And the people ſtood afar off, and Moſes drew near unto the thick darkneſs were God was.

22 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Thus thou ſhalt ſay unto the children of Iſrael, Ye have ſeen that I have talked with you from heaven.

23 Ye ſhall not make with me gods of ſilver, neither ſhall ye make unto you gods of gold.

24 ¶ An altar of earth thou ſhalt make unto me, and ſhalt ſacrifice thereon thy burnt-offerings, and thy peace-offerings, thy ſheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name,

Thou ſhalt not kill, ver. 13.) Which includes alſo the forbearing all revengeful, angry thoughts, and doing all we can to preſerve their lives.

I will come unto thee, and I will bleſs thee.

25 And if thou wilt make me an altar of ſtone, thou ſhalt not build it of hewn ſtone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou haſt polluted it.

26 Neither ſhalt thou go up by ſteps unto mine altar, that thy nakedneſs be not diſcovered thereon.

CHAP. XXI.

Laws for ſervants, for man-ſlaughter, man-ſtealers, &c.

NOW theſe are the judgements which thou ſhalt ſet before them.

2 If thou buy an Hebrew-ſervant, ſix years he ſhall ſerve: and in the ſeventh he ſhall go out free for nothing.

3 If he came in by himſelf, he ſhall go out by himſelf: if he were married, then his wife ſhall go out with him.

4 If his maſter have given him a wife, and ſhe have borne him ſons or daughters; the wife and her children ſhall be her maſter's, and he ſhall go out by himſelf.

5 And if the ſervant ſhall plainly ſay, I love my maſter, my wife, and my children, I will not go out free:

6 Then his maſter ſhall bring him unto the judges; he ſhall alſo bring him to the door, or unto the door-poſt: and his maſter ſhall bore his ear through with an awl; and he ſhall ſerve him for ever.

7 And if a man ſell his daughter to be a maid-ſervant, ſhe ſhall not go out as the men-ſervants do.

8 If ſhe pleaſe not her maſter, who hath betrothed her to himſelf, then ſhall he let her be redeemed: to ſell her unto a ſtrange nation he ſhall have no power, ſeeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.

9 And if he have betrothed her unto his ſon, he ſhall deal with her after the manner of daughters.

10 If he take him another wife; her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage ſhall he not diminiſh.

11 And if he do not theſe three unto her, then ſhall ſhe go out free without money.

12 ¶ He that ſmiteth a man, ſo that he die, ſhall be ſurely put to death.

13 And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver him into his hand, then I will appoint thee a place whither he ſhall flee.

14 But if a man come preſumptuouſly upon his neighbour, to ſlay him with guile; thou ſhalt take him from mine altar that he may die.

15 And he that ſmiteth his father, or his mother, ſhall be ſurely put to death.

16 ¶ And he that ſtealeth a man and ſelleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he ſhall ſurely be put to death.

17 ¶ And he that curſeth his father, or his mother, ſhall ſurely be put to death.

18 And if men ſtrive together, and one ſmite another with a ſtone, or with his fiſt, and he die not, but keepeth his bed:

19 If he riſe again, and walk abroad upon his ſtaff, then ſhall he that ſmote

Thou haſt polluted it, ver. 25.) By trangreſſing God's commandment. Curioſity in God's worſhip and ſervice is not an ornament, but a defilement.

him be quit: only he ſhall pay for the loſs of his time, and ſhall cauſe him to be thoroughly healed.

20 And if a man ſmite his ſervant, or his maid with a rod, and he die under his hand; he ſhall be ſurely puniſhed.

21 Notwithſtanding, if he continue a day or two, he ſhall not be puniſhed: for he is his money.

22 If men ſtrive, and hurt a woman with child, ſo that her fruit depart from her, and yet no miſchief follow; he ſhall be ſurely puniſhed, according as the woman's huſband will lay upon him; and he ſhall pay as the judges determine.

23 And if any miſchief follow, then thou ſhalt give life for life,

24 Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 Burning for burning, wound for wound, ſtripe for ſtripe.

26 And if a man ſmite the eye of his ſervant, or the eye of his maid, that it periſh; he ſhall let him go free for his eye's ſake.

27 And if he ſmite out his man-ſervant's tooth, or his maid-ſervant's tooth; he ſhall let him go free for his tooth's ſake.

28 If an ox gore a man, or a woman, that they die; then the ox ſhall be ſurely ſtoned, and his fleſh ſhall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox ſhall be quit.

29 But if the ox were wont to puſh with his horn in time paſt, and it hath been teſtified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox ſhall be ſtoned, and his owner alſo ſhall be put to death.

30 If there be laid on him a ſum of money, then he ſhall give for the ranſom of his life, whatſoever is laid upon him.

31 Whether he have gored a ſon, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgement ſhall it be done unto him.

32 If the ox ſhall puſh a man-ſervant, or maid-ſervant; he ſhall give unto their maſter thirty ſhekels of ſilver, and the ox ſhall be ſtoned.

33 And if a man ſhall open a pit, or if a man ſhall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or an aſs fall therein;

34 The owner of the pit ſhall make it good, and give money unto the owner of them; and the dead beaſt ſhall be his.

35 And if one man's ox hurt another's that he die; then they ſhall ſell the live ox, and divide the money of it; and the dead ox alſo they ſhall divide.

36 Or if it be known that the ox hath uſed to puſh in time paſt, and his owner hath not kept him in; he ſhall ſurely pay ox for ox: and the dead ſhall be his own.

CHAP. XXII.

Of theft, of damage, of treſpaſſes, &c.

IF a man ſhall ſteal an ox, or a ſheep, and kill it, or ſell it; he ſhall reſtore five oxen for an ox, and four ſheep for a ſheep.

Stripe for ſtripe, ver. 25.] Which makes a mark in the fleſh.
Thirty ſhekels of ſilver, ver. 32.] Three pounds eight ſhillings ſterling.

2 If a thief be found breaking up, and be ſmitten that he die; there ſhall no blood be ſhed for him.

3 If the ſun be riſen upon him, there ſhall be blood ſhed for him; for he ſhould make full reſtitution: if he have nothing, then he ſhall be ſold for his theft.

4 If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or aſs, or ſheep; he ſhall reſtore double.

5 ¶ If a man ſhall cauſe a field or vineyard to be eaten, and ſhall put in his beaſt, and ſhall feed in another man's field; of the beſt of his own field, and of the beſt of his own vineyard ſhall he make reſtitution.

6 If fire break out, and catch in thorns, ſo that the ſtacks of corn, or the ſtanding corn, or the field be conſumed therewith; he that kindled the fire ſhall ſurely make reſtitution.

7 ¶ If a man ſhall deliver unto his neighbour money or ſtuff to keep, and it be ſtolen out of the man's houſe: if the thief be found, let him pay double.

8 If the thief be not found, then the maſter of the houſe ſhall be brought unto the judges, to ſee whether he have put his hand unto his neighbour's goods.

9 For all manner of treſpaſs, whether it be for ox, for aſs, for ſheep, for raiment, or for any manner of loſt thing which another challengeth to be his; the cauſe of both parties ſhall come before the judges; and whom the judges ſhall condemn, he ſhall pay double unto his neighbour.

10 If a man deliver unto his neighbour an aſs, or an ox, or a ſheep, or any beaſt to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man ſeeing it:

11 Then ſhall an oath of the Lord be between them both, that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbour's goods; and the owner of it ſhall accept thereof, and he ſhall not make it good.

12 And if it be ſtolen from him, he ſhall make reſtitution unto the owner thereof.

13 If it be torn in pieces; then let him bring it for witneſs, and he ſhall not make good that which was torn.

14 ¶ And if a man borrow ought of his neighbour, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof being not with it; he ſhall ſurely make it good.

15 But if the owner thereof be with it; he ſhall not make it good: if it be an hired thing; it came for his hire.

16 ¶ And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her; he ſhall ſurely endow her to be his wife.

17 If her father utterly refuſe to give her unto him; he ſhall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

18 ¶ Thou ſhalt not ſuffer a witch to live.

19 Whoſoever lieth with a beaſt, ſhall ſurely be put to death.

20 He that ſacrificeth unto any god, ſave unto the Lord only, he ſhall be utterly deſtroyed.

21 Thou ſhalt neither vex a ſtranger nor oppreſs him: for ye were ſtrangers in the land of Egypt.

22 Ye ſhall not afflict any widow, or fatherleſs child.

Witch, &c. ver. 18.] One that is in covenant with the Devil, and by his help deludes people's ſenſes, or hurts their perſons.

23 If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry;

24 And my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

25 If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.

26 If thou at all take thy neighbour's raiment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it unto him by that the sun goeth down:

27 For that is his covering only, it is his raiment for his skin: wherein shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear; for I am gracious.

28 Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people.

29 Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the first-born of thy sons shalt thou give unto me.

30 Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen, and with thy sheep: seven days it shall be with his dam; on the eighth day thou shalt give it me.

31 And ye shall be holy men unto me: neither shall ye eat any flesh that is torn of beasts in the field: ye shall cast it to the dogs.

CHAP. XXIII.

Of slander and false witness, &c.

THOU shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

2 ¶ Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil: neither shalt thou speak in a cause, to decline after many, to wrest judgement:

3 Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause.

4 If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again.

5 If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldest forbear to help him: thou shalt surely help with him.

6 Thou shalt not wrest the judgement of thy poor in his cause.

7 Keep thee far from a false matter: and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.

8 And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous.

9 Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

10 And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof:

11 But the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie still; that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave, the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vine-yard, and with thy olive-yard.

12 Six days shalt thou do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest; that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger may be refreshed.

Shalt not wrest, ver. 6.] Not strain, nor strive against the evidence of truth to condemn the poor in his just cause, or to acquit him in that which is unjust.

13 And in all things that I have ſaid unto you be circumſpect: and make no mention of the names of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

14 Three times thou ſhalt keep a feaſt unto me in the year.

15 Thou ſhalt keep the feaſt of unleavened bread: thou ſhalt eat unleavened bread ſeven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib: for in it thou cameſt out from Egypt: and none ſhall appear before me empty:

16 And the feaſt of harveſt, the firſt-fruits of thy labours, which thou haſt ſown in the field: and the feaſt of ingathering which is in the end of the year, when thou haſt gathered in thy labours out of the field.

17 Three times in the year all thy males ſhall appear before the Lord God.

18 Thou ſhalt not offer the blood of my ſacrifice with leavened bread; neither ſhall the fat of my ſacrifice remain until the morning.

19 The firſt of the firſt-fruits of thy land thou ſhalt bring into the houſe of the Lord thy God. Thou ſhalt not ſeethe a kid in his mother's milk.

20 ¶ Behold, I ſend an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your tranſgreſſions: for my name is in him.

22 But if thou ſhalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I ſpeak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adverſary unto thine adverſaries.

23 For mine Angel ſhall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hivites, and the Jebuſites: and I will cut them off.

24 Thou ſhalt not bow down to their gods, nor ſerve them, nor do after their works: but thou ſhalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images:

25 And ye ſhall ſerve the Lord your God, and he ſhall bleſs thy bread, and thy water: and I will take ſickneſs away from the midſt of thee.

26 There ſhall nothing caſt their young, nor be barren in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.

27 I will ſend my fear before thee, and will deſtroy all the people to whom thou ſhalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee.

28 And I will ſend hornets before thee, which ſhall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before thee.

29 I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; leſt the land become deſolate, and the beaſt of the field multiply againſt thee.

30 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increaſed, and inherit the land.

31 And I will ſet thy bounds from the Red-ſea, even unto the ſea of the Philiſtines, and from the deſert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants

All thy males, &c. ver. 17.] Which were of competent years, and at their own diſpoſe: the women alſo might come if they would.

of the land into your hand; and thou ſhalt drive them out before thee.

32 Thou ſhalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.

33 They ſhall not dwell in thy land, leſt they make thee ſin againſt me: for if thou ſerve their gods, it will ſurely be a ſnare unto thee.

CHAP. XXIV.

Moſes is called up into the mountain: the people promiſe obedience, &c.

AND he ſaid unto Moſes, Come up unto the Lord, thou and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and ſeventy of the elders of Iſrael; and worſhip ye afar off.

2 And Moſes alone ſhall come near the Lord: but they ſhall not come nigh; neither ſhall the people go up with him.

3 ¶ And Moſes came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgements: and all the people anſwered with one voice, and ſaid, All the words which the Lord hath ſaid will we do.

4 And Moſes wrote all the words of the Lord, and roſe up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Iſrael.

5 And he ſent young men of the children of Iſrael, which offered burnt-offerings, and ſacrificed peace-offerings of oxen unto the Lord.

6 ¶ And Moſes took half of the blood, and put it in baſons; and half of the blood he ſprinkled on the altar.

7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they ſaid, All that the Lord hath ſaid will we do, and be obedient.

8 And Moſes took the blood, and ſprinkled it on the people, and ſaid, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all theſe words.

9 Then went up Moſes and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and ſeventy of the elders of Iſrael:

10 And they ſaw the God of Iſrael: and there was under his feet, as it were, a paved work of a ſapphire-ſtone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearneſs.

11 And upon the nobles of the children of Iſrael he laid not his hand: alſo they ſaw God, and did eat and drink.

12 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of ſtone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayeſt teach them.

13 And Moſes roſe up, and his miniſter Joſhua: and Moſes went up into the mount of God.

14 And he ſaid unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.

15 ¶ And Moſes went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.

16 And the glory of the Lord abode upon Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it ſix days: and the ſeventh day

Put it in baſons, ver. 6.] The blood was divided between the altar and the people, to note the mutual ſtipulation between God and them, and that reconciliation was to be made by the blood of Chriſt.

he called unto Moſes out of the midſt of the cloud.

17 And the ſight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire, on the top of the mount, in the eyes of the children of Iſrael.

18 And Moſes went into the midſt of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moſes was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

CHAP. XXV.

The offering for the tabernacle, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart, ye ſhall take my offering.

3 And this is the offering which ye ſhall take of them; gold, and ſilver, and braſs,

4 And blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine linen, and goats hair,

5 And rams ſkins died red, and badgers ſkins, and ſhittim-wood.

6 Oil for the light, ſpices for anointing oil, and for ſweet incenſe,

7 Onyx-ſtones, and ſtones to be ſet in the ephod, and in the breaſt-plate.

8 And let them make me a ſanctuary; that I may dwell amongſt them.

9 According to all that I ſhew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the inſtruments thereof, even ſo ſhall ye make it.

10 ¶ And they ſhall make an ark of ſhittim-wood: two cubits and an half ſhall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

11 And thou ſhalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without ſhalt thou overlay it: and ſhalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.

12 And thou ſhalt caſt four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings ſhall be in the one ſide of it, and two rings in the other ſide of it.

13 And thou ſhalt make ſtaves of ſhittim-wood, and overlay them with gold.

14 And thou ſhalt put the ſtaves into the rings, by the ſides of the ark, that the ark may be born with them.

15 The ſtaves ſhall be in the rings of the ark: they ſhall not be taken from it.

16 And thou ſhalt put into the ark the teſtimony which I ſhall give thee.

17 And thou ſhalt make a mercy-ſeat of pure gold: two cubits and a half ſhall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

18 And thou ſhalt make two cherubims of gold: of beaten work ſhalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy-ſeat.

19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy-ſeat ſhall ye make the cherubims, on the two ends thereof.

20 And the cherubims ſhall ſtretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy-ſeat with their wings, and their faces ſhall look one to another: toward

Blue, purple, ſcarlet, ver. 4.] Theſe repreſented blood of all ſorts, and ſo figured unto the Church, how both themſelves and all their actions ſhould be waſhed and dyed in the blood of Chriſt.

the mercy-ſeat ſhall the faces of the cherubims be.

21 And thou ſhalt put the mercy-ſeat above upon the ark, and in the ark thou ſhalt put the teſtimony that I ſhall give thee.

22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee, from above the mercy-ſeat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the teſtimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Iſrael.

23 ¶ Thou ſhalt alſo make a table of ſhittim-wood: two cubits ſhall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

24 And thou ſhalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about.

25 And thou ſhalt make unto it a border of an hand-breadth round about, and thou ſhalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about.

26 And thou ſhalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that are on the four feet thereof.

27 Overagainſt the borders ſhall the rings be, for places of the ſtaves to bear the table.

28 And thou ſhalt make the ſtaves of ſhittim-wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be born with them.

29 And thou ſhalt make the diſhes thereof, and ſpoons thereof, and covers thereof, and bowls thereof, to cover withal: of pure gold ſhalt thou make them.

30 And thou ſhalt ſet upon the table ſhew-bread before me alway.

31 ¶ And thou ſhalt make a candleſtick of pure gold: of beaten work ſhall the candleſtick be made: his ſhaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, ſhall be of the ſame.

32 And ſix branches ſhall come out of the ſides of it: three branches of the candleſtick out of the one ſide, and three branches of the candleſtick out of the other ſide.

33 Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, with a knop and a flower: ſo in the ſix branches that come out of the candleſtick.

34 And in the candleſtick ſhall be four bowls made like unto almonds, with their knops and their flowers.

35 And there ſhall be a knop under two branches of the ſame, and a knop under two branches of the ſame, and a knop under two branches of the ſame, according to the ſix branches that proceed out of the candleſtick.

36 Their knops and their branches ſhall be of the ſame: all it ſhall be one beaten work of pure gold.

37 And thou ſhalt make the ſeven lamps thereof: and they ſhall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light overagainſt it.

38 And the tongs thereof, and the ſnuff-diſhes thereof, ſhall be of pure gold.

39 Of a talent of pure gold ſhall he make it, with all theſe veſſels.

Shew-bread, &c. ver. 30.] A type of Chriſt, the bread of life, and of our communion with him; and that he always appears before his father to make interceſſion for us.

40 And look that thou make them after their pattern which was ſhewed thee in the mount.

CHAP. XXVI.

The ten curtains of the tabernacle, &c.

MOREOVER, thou ſhalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and ſcarlet: with cherubims of cunning work ſhalt thou make them.

2 The length of one curtain ſhall be eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains ſhall have one meaſure.

3 The five curtains ſhall be coupled together one to another: and other five curtains ſhall be coupled one to another.

4 And thou ſhalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain, from the ſelvedge in the coupling: and likewiſe ſhalt thou make in the uttermoſt edge of another curtain, in the coupling of the ſecond.

5 Fifty loops ſhalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops ſhalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the coupling of the ſecond; that the loops may take hold one of another.

6 And thou ſhalt make fifty taches of gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches: and it ſhall be one tabernacle.

7 ¶ And thou ſhalt make curtains of goats hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle; eleven curtains ſhalt thou make.

8 The length of one curtain ſhall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and the eleven curtains ſhall be all of one meaſure.

9 And thou ſhalt couple five curtains by themſelves, and ſix curtains by themſelves, and ſhalt double the ſixth curtain in the fore-front of the tabernacle.

10 And thou ſhalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is outmoſt in the coupling, and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain which coupleth the ſecond.

11 And thou ſhalt make fifty taches of braſs, and put the taches into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one.

12 And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half-curtain that remaineth, ſhall hang over the back-ſide of the tabernacle.

13 And a cubit on the one ſide, and a cubit on the other ſide, of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, it ſhall hang over the ſides of the tabernacle, on this ſide, and on that ſide, to cover it.

14 And thou ſhalt make a covering for the tent of rams ſkins died red, and a covering above of badgers ſkins.

15 ¶ And thou ſhalt make boards for the tabernacle, of ſhittim-wood, ſtanding up.

16 Ten cubits ſhall be the length of a board, and a cubit and an half ſhall be the breadth of one board.

A covering, ver. 14.] Theſe coverings ſignified both the ſafety of the Church, (covered from the injuries of the world) and alſo the ſtate of the Church then, which had the myſteries of Chriſt under ſhadows and covering.

17 Two tenons ſhall there be in one board, ſet in order one againſt another: thus ſhalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

18 And thou ſhalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the ſouth-ſide, ſouth-ward.

19 And thou ſhalt make forty ſockets of ſilver, under the twenty boards: two ſockets under one board for his two tenons, and two ſockets under another board for his two tenons.

20 And for the ſecond ſide of the tabernacle, on the north-ſide, there ſhall be twenty boards;

21 And their forty ſockets of ſilver: two ſockets under one board, and two ſockets under another board.

22 And for the ſides of the tabernacle weſt-ward, thou ſhalt make ſix boards.

23 And two boards ſhalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two ſides.

24 And they ſhall be coupled together beneath, and they ſhall be coupled together above the head of it unto one ring: thus ſhall it be for them both; they ſhall be for the two corners.

25 And they ſhall be eight boards, and their ſockets of ſilver, ſixteen ſockets: two ſockets under one board, and two ſockets under another board.

26 ¶ And thou ſhalt make bars of ſhittim-wood: five for the boards of the one ſide of the tabernacle,

27 And five bars for the boards of the other ſide of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the ſide of the tabernacle, for the two ſides weſtward.

28 And the middle bar in the mids of the boards ſhall reach from end to end.

29 And thou ſhalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou ſhalt overlay the bars with gold.

30 And thou ſhalt rear up the tabernacle according to the faſhion thereof, which was ſhewed thee in the mount.

31 ¶ And thou ſhalt make a vail of blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning-work: with cherubims ſhall it be made.

32 And thou ſhalt hang it upon four pillars of ſhittim-wood, overlaid with gold; their hooks ſhall be of gold, upon the four ſockets of ſilver.

33 And thou ſhalt hang up the vail under the taches, that thou mayeſt bring in thither within the vail the ark of the teſtimony: and the vail ſhall divide unto you between the holy place and the moſt holy.

34 And thou ſhalt put the mercy-ſeat upon the ark of the teſtimony, in the moſt holy-place.

35 And thou ſhalt ſet the table without the vail, and the candleſtick overagainſt the table, on the ſide of the tabernacle toward the ſouth: and thou ſhalt put the table on the north-ſide.

36 And thou ſhalt make an hanging for the door of the tent, of blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needle-work.

37 And thou ſhalt make for the hanging five pillars of ſhittim-wood, and overlay them with gold, and their hooks ſhall be of gold: and thou ſhalt caſt five ſockets of braſs for them.

A vail, ver. 31.] It ſignified the human nature of Chriſt, adorned with excellent gifts and graces, by which he has opened for us a way into heaven.

CHAP. XXVII.

The altar of burnt-offering, &c.

AND thou ſhalt make an altar of ſhittim-wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad: the altar ſhall be four-ſquare, and the height thereof ſhall be three cubits.

2 And thou ſhalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns ſhall be of the ſame: and thou ſhalt overlay it with braſs.

3 And thou ſhalt make his pans to receive his aſhes, and his ſhovels, and his baſons, and his fleſh-hooks, and his fire-pans: all the veſſels thereof thou ſhalt make of braſs.

4 And thou ſhalt make for it a grate of net-work of braſs; and upon the net ſhalt thou make four brazen rings in the four corners thereof.

5 And thou ſhalt put it under the compaſs of the altar beneath, that the net may be even to the midſt of the altar.

6 And thou ſhalt make ſtaves for the altar, ſtaves of ſhittim-wood, and overlay them with braſs.

7 And the ſtaves ſhall be put into the rings, and the ſtaves ſhall be upon the two ſides of the altar to bear it.

8 Hollow with boards ſhalt thou make it: as it was ſhewed thee in the mount, ſo ſhall they make it.

9 ¶ And thou ſhalt make the court of the tabernacle for the ſouth-ſide, ſouth-ward: there ſhall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen, of an hundred cubits long for one ſide.

10 And the twenty pillars thereof, and their twenty ſockets ſhall be of braſs: the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets ſhall be of ſilver.

11 And likewiſe for the north-ſide in length, there ſhall be hangings of an hundred cubits long, and his twenty pillars, and their twenty ſockets of braſs: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of ſilver.

12 ¶ And for the breadth of the court on the weſt-ſide, ſhall be hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their ſockets ten.

13 And the breadth of the court on the eaſt-ſide, eaſt-ward, ſhall be fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of one ſide of the gate ſhall be fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their ſockets three.

15 And on the other ſide ſhall be hangings fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their ſockets three.

16 ¶ And for the gate of the court ſhall be an hanging of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needle-work: and their pillars ſhall be four, and their ſockets four.

17 All the pillars round about the court ſhall be filleted with ſilver: their hooks ſhall be of ſilver, and their ſockets of braſs.

18 ¶ The length of the court ſhall be an hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty every where, and the height five cubits of fine twined linen, and their ſockets of braſs.

19 All the veſſels of the tabernacle in all the ſervice thereof, and all the

Horns of it, &c. ver. 2.] Signifying the power of Chriſt for the ſalvation of his church, gathered out of all parts of the world.

pins thereof, and all the pins of the court ſhall be of braſs.

20 ¶ And thou ſhalt command the children of Iſrael, that they bring thee pure oil-olive beaten for the light, to cauſe the lamp to burn always.

21 In the tabernacle of the congregation without the vail, which is before the teſtimony, Aaron and his ſons ſhall order it from evening to morning before the Lord: it ſhall be a ſtatute for ever unto their generations, on the behalf of the children of Iſrael.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Of the holy garments, &c.

AND take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his ſons with him, from among the children of Iſrael, that he may miniſter unto me in the prieſt's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's ſons.

2 And thou ſhalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, for glory and for beauty.

3 And thou ſhalt ſpeak unto all that are wiſe-hearted, whom I have filled with the ſpirit of wiſdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to conſecrate him, that he may miniſter unto me in the prieſt's office.

4 And theſe are the garments which they ſhall make; a breaſt-plate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a broidered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they ſhall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his ſons, that he may miniſter unto me in the prieſt's office.

5 And they ſhall take gold, and blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine linen.

6 ¶ And they ſhall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and of purple, of ſcarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work.

7 It ſhall have the two ſhoulder-pieces thereof joined at the two edges thereof; and ſo it ſhall be joined together.

8 And the curious girdle of the ephod, which is upon it, ſhall be of the ſame, according to the work thereof; even of gold, of blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 And thou ſhalt take two onyx-ſtones, and grave on them the names of the children of Iſrael:

10 Six of their names on one ſtone, and the other ſix names of the reſt on the other ſtone, according to their birth.

11 With the work of an engraver in ſtone, like the engravings of a ſignet, ſhalt thou engrave the two ſtones with the names of the children of Iſrael: thou ſhalt make them to be ſet in ouches in gold.

12 And thou ſhalt put the two ſtones upon the ſhoulders of the ephod, for ſtones of memorial unto the children of Iſrael. And Aaron ſhall bear their names before the Lord, upon his two ſhoulders for a memorial.

13 ¶ And thou ſhalt make ouches of gold;

14 And two chains of pure gold at the ends: of wreathen work ſhalt thou make them, and faſten the wreathen chains to the ouches.

For glory, &c. ver. 2.] Glorious and beautiful: noting, partly, the dignity and excellency of their office; and chiefly, the glorious robes wherewith Chriſt is clothed himſelf, and alſo clothes his people.

15 ¶ And thou ſhalt make the breaſt-plate of judgement, with cunning-work, after the work of the ephod thou ſhalt make it; of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of ſcarlet, and of fine twined linen ſhalt thou make it.

16 Four-ſquare it ſhall be being doubled; a ſpan ſhall be the length thereof, and a ſpan ſhall be the breadth thereof.

17 And thou ſhalt ſet in it ſettings of ſtones, even four rows of ſtones: the firſt row ſhall be a ſardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this ſhall be the firſt row.

18 And the ſecond row ſhall be an emerald, a ſapphire, and a diamond.

19 And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyſt.

20 And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jaſper: they ſhall be ſet in gold in their incloſings.

21 And the ſtones ſhall be, with the names of the children of Iſrael, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a ſignet, every one with his name ſhall they be according to the twelve tribes.

22 ¶ And thou ſhalt make upon the breaſt-plate chains at the ends, of wreathen work, of pure gold.

23 And thou ſhalt make upon the breaſt-plate two rings of gold, and ſhalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breaſt-plate.

24 And thou ſhalt put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings which are on the ends of the breaſt-plate.

25 And the other two ends of the two wreathen chains, thou ſhalt faſten in the two ouches, and put them on the ſhoulder-pieces of the ephod before it.

26 ¶ And thou ſhalt make two rings of gold, and thou ſhalt put them upon the two ends of the breaſt-plate, in the border thereof, which is in the ſide of the ephod inward.

27 And two other rings of gold thou ſhalt make, and ſhalt put them on the two ſides of the ephod, underneath towards the forepart thereof, overagainſt the other coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.

28 And they ſhall bind the breaſt-plate by the rings thereof, unto the rings of the ephod, with a lace of blue, that it may be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breaſt-plate be not looſed from the ephod.

29 And Aaron ſhall bear the names of the children of Iſrael in the breaſt-plate of judgement, upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the Lord continually.

30 ¶ And thou ſhalt put in the breaſt-plate of judgement the Urim and the Thummim; and they ſhall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the Lord: and Aaron ſhall bear the judgement of the children of Iſrael upon his heart, before the Lord continually.

31 ¶ And thou ſhalt make the robe of the ephod all of blue.

32 And there ſhall be an hole in the top of it, in the mids thereof: it ſhall have a binding of woven-work, round about the hole of it, as it were the

Urim and the Thummim, ver. 30.] It ſignified the fulneſs and perfection of the wiſdom and knowledge that was in Chriſt to communicate his Father's will to us.

hole of an habergeon, that it be not rent.

33 ¶ And beneath, upon the hem of it, thou ſhalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of ſcarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about.

34 A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about.

35 And it ſhall be upon Aaron to miniſter: and his ſound ſhall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the Lord, and when he cometh out; that he die not.

36 ¶ And thou ſhalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a ſignet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

37 And thou ſhalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it ſhall be.

38 And it ſhall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Iſrael ſhall hallow in all their holy gifts: and it ſhall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the Lord.

39 ¶ And thou ſhalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou ſhalt make the mitre of fine linen, and thou ſhalt make the girdle of needle-work.

40 ¶ And for Aaron's ſons thou ſhalt make coats, and thou ſhalt make for them girdles, and bonnets ſhalt thou make for them, for glory, and for beauty.

41 And thou ſhalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his ſons with him: and ſhalt anoint them, and conſecrate them, and ſanctify them, that they may miniſter unto me in the prieſt's office.

42 And thou ſhalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedneſs: from the loins even unto the thighs they ſhall reach.

43 And they ſhall be upon Aaron, and upon his ſons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar, to miniſter in the holy place, that they bear not iniquity, and die: it ſhall be a ſtatute for ever unto him, and his ſeed after him.

CHAP. XXIX.

The ceremonies of conſecration, &c.

AND this is the thing that thou ſhalt do unto them to hallow them, to miniſter unto me in the prieſt's office: take one young bullock, and two rams without blemiſh,

2 And unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened tempered with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil: of wheaten flour ſhalt thou make them.

3 And thou ſhalt put them into one baſket, and bring them in the baſket, with the bullock and the two rams.

4 And Aaron and his ſons thou ſhalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and ſhalt waſh them with water.

That it be not rent, ver. 32.] To note the unity of the doctrine and faith of Chriſt, and that there ſhould be no ſchiſm in the Church.

5 And thou ſhalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breaſt-plate, and gird him with the curious girdle of the ephod:

6 And thou ſhalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre.

7 Then ſhalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him.

8 And thou ſhalt bring his ſons, and put coats upon them.

9 And thou ſhalt gird them with girdles, (Aaron and his ſons) and put the bonnets on them: and the prieſt's office ſhall be their's, for a perpetual ſtatute: and thou ſhalt conſecrate Aaron and his ſons.

10 And thou ſhalt cauſe a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron and his ſons ſhall put their hands upon the head of the bullock.

11 And thou ſhalt kill the bullock before the Lord, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

12 And thou ſhalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the blood beſide the bottom of the altar.

13 And thou ſhalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul that is above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and burn them upon the altar.

14 But the fleſh of the bullock, and his ſkin, and his dung ſhalt thou burn with fire without the camp: it is a ſin-offering.

15 Thou ſhalt alſo take one ram; and Aaron and his ſons ſhall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

16 And thou ſhalt ſlay the ram, and thou ſhalt take his blood, and ſprinkle it round about upon the altar.

17 And thou ſhalt cut the ram in pieces, and waſh the inwards of him, and his legs, and put them unto his pieces, and unto his head.

18 And thou ſhalt burn the whole ram upon the altar; it is a burnt-offering unto the Lord: it is a ſweet ſavour, an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

19 And thou ſhalt take the other ram; and Aaron and his ſons ſhall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

20 Then ſhalt thou kill the ram, and take of his blood, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his ſons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and ſprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.

21 And thou ſhalt take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and ſprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his ſons, and upon the garments of his ſons with him: and he ſhall be hallowed, and his garments, and his ſons, and his ſons garments with him.

22 Alſo thou ſhalt take of the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and the

The fat, &c. ver. 13.] This notes, that we muſt ſerve God with the beſt; and that all our carnal deſires are to be mortified with the fire of the Spirit.

right ſhoulder; for it is a ram of conſecration:

23 And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the baſket of the unleavened bread that is before the Lord:

24 And thou ſhalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his ſons; and ſhalt wave them for a wave-offering before the Lord.

25 And thou ſhalt receive them of their hands, and burn them upon the altar for a burnt-offering, for a ſweet ſavour before the Lord: it is an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

26 And thou ſhalt take the breaſt of the ram of Aaron's conſecration, and wave it for a wave-offering before the Lord: and it ſhall be thy part.

27 And thou ſhalt ſanctify the breaſt of the wave-offering, and the ſhoulder of the heave-offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up of the ram of the conſecration, even of that which is for Aaron, and of that which is for his ſons:

28 And it ſhall be Aaron's and his ſons by a ſtatute for ever, from the children of Iſrael: for it is an heave-offering: and it ſhall be an heave-offering from the children of Iſrael of the ſacrifice of their peace-offerings, even their heave-offering unto the Lord.

29 And the holy garments of Aaron ſhall be his ſon's after him, to be anointed therein, and to be conſecrated in them.

30 And that ſon that is prieſt in his ſtead ſhall put them on ſeven days, when he cometh into the tabernacle of the congregation to miniſter in the holy place.

31 And thou ſhall take the ram of the conſecration, and ſeethe his fleſh in the holy place.

32 And Aaron and his ſons ſhall eat the fleſh of the ram, and the bread that is in the baſket, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

33 And they ſhall eat thoſe things wherewith the atonement was made, to conſecrate and to ſanctify them: but a ſtranger ſhall not eat thereof, becauſe they are holy.

34 And if aught of the fleſh of the conſecrations, or of the bread, remain unto the morning; then thou ſhalt burn the remainder with fire: it ſhall not be eaten becauſe it is holy.

35 And thus ſhalt thou do unto Aaron and to his ſons, according to all things which I have commanded thee: ſeven days ſhalt thou conſecrate them.

36 And thou ſhalt offer every day a bullock for a ſin-offering, for atonement: and thou ſhalt cleanſe the altar, when thou haſt made an atonement for it, and thou ſhalt anoint it to ſanctify it.

37 Seven days thou ſhalt make an atonement for the altar, and ſanctify it; and it ſhall be an altar moſt holy: whatſoever toucheth the altar ſhall be holy.

38 ¶ Now this is that which thou ſhalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the firſt year day by day, continually.

39 The one lamb thou ſhalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou ſhalt offer at even:

Heave-offering, ver. 27.] This was done by throwing the parts up, and catching them again; ſignifying their giving theſe things to God, and then receiving them again from him as their portion.

40 And with the one lamb a tenth-deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil: and the fourth part of an hin of wine for a drink-offering.

41 And the other lamb thou ſhalt offer at even, and ſhalt do thereto according to the meat-offering of the morning, and according to the drink-offering thereof, for a ſweet ſavour, an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

42 This ſhall be a continual burnt-offering throughout your generations, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the Lord: where I will meet you, to ſpeak there unto thee.

43 And there I will meet with the children of Iſrael, and the tabernacle ſhall be ſanctified by my glory.

44 And I will ſanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will ſanctify alſo both Aaron and his ſons, to miniſter to me in the prieſt's office.

45 And I will dwell among the children of Iſrael, and will be their God.

46 And they ſhall know that I am the Lord their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I am the Lord their God.

CHAP. XXX.

The altar of incenſe, &c.

AND thou ſhalt make an altar to burn incenſe upon: of ſhittim-wood ſhalt thou make it.

2 A cubit ſhall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof: (four-ſquare ſhall it be:) and two cubits ſhall be the height thereof: the horns thereof ſhall be of the ſame.

3 And thou ſhalt over-lay it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the ſides thereof round about, and the horns thereof: and thou ſhalt make unto it a crown of gold round about.

4 And two golden rings ſhalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two corners thereof, upon the two ſides of it ſhalt thou make it: and they ſhall be for places for the ſtaves to bear it withal.

5 And thou ſhalt make the ſtaves of ſhittim-wood, and overlay them with gold.

6 And thou ſhall put it before the vail that is by the ark of the teſtimony: before the mercy ſeat that is over the teſtimony, where I will meet with thee.

7 And Aaron ſhall burn thereon ſweet incenſe every morning: when he dreſſeth the lamps he ſhall burn incenſe upon it.

8 And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even he ſhall burn incenſe upon it; a perpetual incenſe before the Lord, throughout your generations.

9 Ye ſhall offer no ſtrange incenſe thereon, nor burnt ſacrifice, nor meat-offering; neither ſhall ye pour drink-offering thereon.

10 And Aaron ſhall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year, with the blood of the ſin-offering of atonements: once in the year ſhall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it is moſt holy unto the Lord.

11 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

Strange incenſe, ver. 9.] Which was not preſcribed by God; noting, that we muſt make uſe only of Chriſt's interceſſion, and not of ſaints or angels.

12 When thou takeſt the ſum of the children of Iſrael, after their number; then ſhall they give every man a ranſom for his ſoul unto the Lord, when thou numbereſt them; that there be no plague among them, when thou numbereſt them.

13 This they ſhall give, every one that paſſeth among them that are numbered, half a ſhekel, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary: (a ſhekel is twenty gerahs:) an half ſhekel ſhall be the offering of the Lord.

14 Every one, that paſſeth among them that are numbered from twenty years old and above, ſhall give an offering unto the Lord.

15 The rich ſhall not give more, and the poor ſhall not give leſs than half a ſhekel, when they give an offering unto the Lord, to make an atonement for your ſouls.

16 And thou ſhalt take the atonement-money of the children of Iſrael, and ſhalt appoint it for the ſervice of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the children of Iſrael before the Lord, to make an atonement for your ſouls.

17 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

18 Thou ſhalt alſo make a laver of braſs, and his foot alſo of braſs, to waſh withal: and thou ſhalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou ſhalt put water therein.

19 For Aaron and his ſons ſhall waſh their hands and their feet thereat:

20 When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they ſhall waſh with water, that they die not: or when they come near to the altar to miniſter, to burn offering made by fire unto the Lord:

21 So they ſhall waſh their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it ſhall be a ſtatute for ever to them, even to him and to his ſeed throughout their generations.

22 ¶ Moreover the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

23 Take thou alſo unto thee principal ſpices, of pure myrrh five hundred ſhekels, and of ſweet cinnamon half ſo much, even two hundred and fifty ſhekels, and of ſweet calamus two hundred and fifty ſhekels,

24 And of caſſia five hundred ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, and of oil-olive an hin:

25 And thou ſhalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it ſhall be an holy anointing oil.

26 And thou ſhalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the teſtimony,

27 And the table and all his veſſels, and the candleſtick and his veſſels, and the altar of incenſe.

28 And the altar of burnt-offering with all his veſſels, and the laver and his foot.

29 And thou ſhalt ſanctify them that they may be moſt holy: whatſoever toucheth them ſhall be holy.

30 And thou ſhalt anoint Aaron and his ſons, and conſecrate them, that they may miniſter unto me in the prieſt's office.

A ranſom, for his ſoul, ver. 12.] A certain price for the redemption of their lives, whereby thy acknowledged God's right over them, having forfeited them by their ſins. A type alſo, of Chriſt's becoming a ranſom for them.

31 And thou ſhalt ſpeak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, This ſhall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations.

32 Upon man's fleſh ſhall it not be poured, neither ſhall ye make any other like it, after the compoſition of it: it is holy, and it ſhall be holy unto you.

33 Whoſoever compoundeth any like it, or whoſoever putteth any of it upon a ſtranger, ſhall even be cut off from his people.

34 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Take unto thee ſweet ſpices, ſtacte, and onycha, and galbanum; theſe ſweet ſpices with pure frankincenſe: of each ſhall there be a like weight:

35 And thou ſhalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy:

36 And thou ſhalt beat ſome of it very ſmall, and put of it before the teſtimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: it ſhall be unto you moſt holy.

37 And as for the perfume which thou ſhalt make, ye ſhall not make to yourſelves according to the compoſition thereof: it ſhall be unto thee holy for the Lord.

38 Whoſoever ſhall make like unto that, to ſmell thereto, ſhall even be cut off from his people.

CHAP. XXXI.

Bezaleel and Aholiab are called for the work of the tabernacle, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the ſon of Uri, the ſon of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

3 And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wiſdom, and in underſtanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanſhip.

4 To deviſe cunning works, to work in gold, and in ſilver, and in braſs,

5 And in cutting of ſtones to ſet them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanſhip.

6 And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the ſon of Ahiſamach of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wiſe-hearted I have put wiſdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee;

7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the teſtimony, and the mercy-ſeat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle,

8 And the table and his furniture, and the pure candleſtick with all his furniture, and the altar of incenſe,

9 And the altar of burnt-offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot,

10 And the clothes of ſervice, and the holy garments for Aaron the prieſt, and the garments of his ſons, to miniſter in the prieſt's office.

11 And the anointing oil, and ſweet incenſe for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee, ſhall they do.

12 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

13 Speak thou alſo unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, Verily my ſabbaths ye

Any other like it, ver. 32.] Meaning, that nothing is to be done in God's ſervice without authority from God, and that none of God's holy things ought to be diverted to any profane uſe.

ſhall keep: for it is a ſign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord, that doth ſanctify you.

14 Ye ſhall keep the ſabbath therefore: for it is holy unto you. Every one that defileth it, ſhall ſurely be put to death: for whoſoever doeth any work therein, that ſoul ſhall be cut off from among his people.

15 Six days may work be done; but in the ſeventh is the ſabbath of reſt, holy to the Lord: whoſoever doeth any work in the ſabbath-day, he ſhall ſurely be put to death.

16 Wherefore the children of Iſrael ſhall keep the ſabbath, to obſerve the ſabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.

17 It is a ſign between me and the children of Iſrael for ever: for in ſix days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the ſeventh day he reſted, and was refreſhed.

18 ¶ And he gave unto Moſes, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of teſtimony, tables of ſtone, written with the finger of God.

CHAP. XXXII.

The people cauſe Aaron to make a calf, &c.

AND when the people ſaw that Moſes delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themſelves together unto Aaron, and ſaid unto him, Up, make us gods, which ſhall go before us; for as for this Moſes, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

2 And Aaron ſaid unto them, Break off the golden ear-rings which are in the ears of your wives, of your ſons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.

3 And all the people brake off the golden ear-rings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.

4 And he received them at their hand, and faſhioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they ſaid, Theſe be thy Gods, O Iſrael, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

5 And when Aaron ſaw it, he built an altar before it: and Aaron made proclamation, and ſaid, To-morrow is a feaſt to the Lord.

6 And they roſe up early on the morrow, and offered burnt-offerings, and brought peace-offerings; and the people ſat down to eat and to drink, and roſe up to play.

7 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Go, get thee down: for thy people, which thou broughteſt out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themſelves:

8 They have turned aſide quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worſhipped it, and have ſacrificed thereunto, and ſaid, Theſe be thy gods, O Iſrael, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

9 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, I have ſeen this people, and behold, it is a ſtiff-necked people:

10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot againſt them,

Shall be cut off, ver. 14.] This includes not only death inflicted by the magiſtrate, but alſo the immediate ſtroke of God when that was neglected; and eſpecially God's caſting him off both here and hereafter.

and that I may conſume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.

11 And Moſes beſought the Lord his God, and ſaid, Lord, why doth thy wrath wax hot againſt thy people, which thou haſt brought forth out of the land of Egypt, with great power, and with a mighty hand?

12 Wherefore ſhould the Egyptians ſpeak and ſay, For miſchief did he bring them out, to ſlay them in the mountains, and to conſume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil againſt thy people.

13 Remember Abraham, Iſaac, and Iſrael thy ſervants, to whom thou ſwareſt by thine own ſelf, and ſaidſt unto them, I will multiply your ſeed as the ſtars of heaven, and all this land that I have ſpoken of, will I give unto your ſeed, and they ſhall inherit it for ever.

14 And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

15 And Moſes turned, and went down from the mount: and the two tables of the teſtimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their ſides; on the one ſide, and on the other were they written.

16 And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

17 And when Joſhua heard the noiſe of the people as they ſhouted, he ſaid unto Moſes, There is a noiſe of war in the camp.

18 And he ſaid, It is not the voice of them that ſhout for maſtery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the noiſe of them that ſing, do I hear.

19 ¶ And it came to paſs as ſoon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he ſaw the calf, and the dancing: and Moſes' anger waxed hot, and he caſt the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and ſtrawed it upon the water, and made the children of Iſrael drink of it.

21 And Moſes ſaid unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou haſt brought ſo great a ſin upon them?

22 And Aaron ſaid, Let not the anger of my Lord wax hot: thou knoweſt the people, that they are ſet on miſchief.

23 For they ſaid unto me, Make us gods, which ſhall go before us: for as for this Moſes, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

24 And I ſaid unto them, Whoſoever hath any gold, let them break it off: ſo they gave it me: then I caſt it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

25 ¶ And when Moſes ſaw that the people were naked: (for Aaron had made them naked unto their ſhame among their enemies:)

26 Then Moſes ſtood in the gate of the camp, and ſaid, Who is on the Lord's ſide? let him come unto me. And all the ſons of Levi gathered themſelves together unto him.

And brake them, ver. 19.] In holy anger, by the inſtinct of God's Spirit, to ſhew how heinous was their ſin, which deprived them of ſo great a jewel; and that the covenant between God and them was now broken.

27 And he ſaid unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſrael, Put every man his ſword by his ſide, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and ſlay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.

28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moſes: and there fell of the people that day about three thouſand men.

29 For Moſes had ſaid, Conſecrate yourſelves to-day to the Lord, even every man upon his ſon, and upon his brother; that he may beſtow upon you a bleſſing this day.

30 ¶ And it came to paſs on the morrow, that Moſes ſaid unto the people, Ye have ſinned a great ſin: and now I will go up unto the Lord; peradventure I ſhall make an atonement for your ſin.

31 And Moſes returned unto the Lord, and ſaid, Oh, this people have ſinned a great ſin, and have made them gods of gold.

32 Yet now, if thou wilt, forgive their ſin: and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou haſt written.

33 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Whoſoever hath ſinned againſt me, him will I blot out of my book.

34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have ſpoken unto thee: behold, mine angel ſhall go before thee: nevertheleſs, in the day when I viſit, I will viſit their ſin upon them.

35 And the Lord plagued the people, becauſe they made the calf which Aaron made.

CHAP. XXXIII.

The Lord refuſeth to go with the people: he talketh with Moſes, &c.

AND the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou haſt brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I ſware unto Abraham, to Iſaac, and to Jacob, ſaying, Unto thy ſeed will I give it:

2 And I will ſend an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebuſite:

3 Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midſt of thee: for thou art a ſtiff-necked people: leſt I conſume thee in the way.

4 And when the people heard theſe evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments.

5 For the Lord had ſaid unto Moſes, Say unto the children of Iſrael, Ye are a ſtiff-necked people: I will come up into the midſt of thee in a moment, and conſume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee.

6 And the children of Iſrael ſtripped themſelves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb.

7 And Moſes took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar

Peradventure, I ſhall, &c. ver. 30.] He ſpeaks doubtfully, both becauſe he was uncertain how far God would pardon them, and alſo to quicken them to the more ſerious repentance.

off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to paſs, that every one which ſought the Lord, went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp.

8 And it came to paſs, when Moſes went out unto the tabernacle, that all the people roſe up, and ſtood every man at his tent-door, and looked after Moſes, until he was gone into the tabernacle.

9 ¶ And it came to paſs, as Moſes entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar deſcended, and ſtood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moſes.

10 And all the people ſaw the cloudy pillar ſtand at the tabernacle-door: and all the people roſe up and worſhipped, every man in his tent-door.

11 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes face to face, as a man ſpeaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his ſervant Joſhua, the ſon of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

12 ¶ And Moſes ſaid unto the Lord, See, thou ſayeſt unto me, Bring up this people: and thou haſt not let me know whom thou wilt ſend with me. Yet thou haſt ſaid, I know thee by name, and thou haſt alſo found grace in my ſight.

13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy ſight, ſhew me now thy way that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy ſight: and conſider that this nation is thy people.

14 And he ſaid, My preſence ſhall go with thee, and I will give thee reſt.

15 And he ſaid unto him, If thy preſence go not with me, carry us not up hence.

16 For wherein ſhall it be known here, that I and thy people have found grace in thy ſight? is it not in that thou goeſt with us? ſo ſhall we be ſeparated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

17 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, I will do this thing alſo that thou haſt ſpoken; for thou haſt found grace in my ſight, and I know thee by name.

18 And he ſaid, I beſeech thee, ſhew me thy glory.

19 And he ſaid, I will make all my goodneſs paſs before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will ſhew mercy on whom I will ſhew mercy.

20 And he ſaid, Thou canſt not ſee my face: for there ſhall no man ſee me, and live.

21 And the Lord ſaid, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou ſhalt ſtand upon a rock:

22 And it ſhall come to paſs, while my glory paſſeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock; and will cover thee with my hand while I paſs by:

23 And I will take away mine hand, and thou ſhalt ſee my back parts: but my face ſhall not be ſeen.

CHAP. XXXIV.

The tables are renewed.

AND the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Hew thee two tables of ſtone like unto

Thy way that I may know thee, ver. 13.] That by proof and experience I may know how good thou art to them that ſeek thee, and may be aſſured that I have found grace in thy ſight.

the firſt: and I will write upon theſe tables the words that were in the firſt tables, which thou brakeſt;

2 And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and preſent thy ſelf there to me in the top of the mount:

3 And no man ſhall come up with thee, neither let any man be ſeen throughout all the mount: neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount.

4 And he hewed two tables of ſtone like unto the firſt; and Moſes roſe up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of ſtone.

5 ¶ And the Lord deſcended in the cloud, and ſtood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord.

6 And the Lord paſſed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-ſuffering, and abundant in goodneſs and truth,

7 Keeping mercy for thouſands, forgiving iniquity, and tranſgreſſion, and ſin, and that will by no means clear the guilty, viſiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children unto the third and to the fourth generation.

8 And Moſes made haſte, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worſhipped.

9 And he ſaid, If now I have found grace in thy ſight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go amongſt us; (for it is a ſtiff-necked people;) and pardon our iniquity and our ſin, and take us for thine inheritance.

10 ¶ And he ſaid, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, ſuch as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people, among which thou art, ſhall ſee the work of the Lord: for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee.

11 Obſerve thou that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebuſite.

12 Take heed to thy ſelf, leſt thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goeſt, leſt it be for a ſnare in the midſt of thee:

13 But ye ſhall deſtroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves.

14 For thou ſhalt worſhip no other god; for the Lord, whoſe name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

15 Leſt thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do ſacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his ſacrifice;

16 And thou take of their daughters unto thy ſons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy ſons go a whoring after their gods.

17 Thou ſhalt make thee no molten gods.

18 The feaſt of unleavened bread ſhalt thou keep: ſeven days ſhalt thou eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou cameſt out from Egypt.

Cut down their groves, ver. 13.] The Patriarchs of old had groves and ſhady places, for privacy, that they might not be interrupted by worldly diſtractions; and alſo to make them more intent on their devotions.

19 All that openeth the matrix is mine; and every firſtling among thy cattle, whether ox or ſheep, that is male.

20 But the firſtling of an aſs thou ſhall redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem him not, then ſhalt thou break his neck. All the firſt-born of thy ſons thou ſhalt redeem: and none ſhall appear before me empty.

21 Six days thou ſhalt work, but on the ſeventh day thou ſhalt reſt: in earing-time and in harveſt thou ſhalt reſt.

22 And thou ſhalt obſerve the feaſt of weeks, of the firſt-fruits of wheat-harveſt, and the feaſt of in-gathering at the year's end.

23 Thrice in the year ſhall all your men-children appear before the Lord God, the God of Iſrael.

24 For I will caſt out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither ſhall any man deſire thy land, when thou ſhalt go up to appear before the Lord thy God thrice in the year.

25 Thou ſhalt not offer the blood of my ſacrifice with leaven; neither ſhall the ſacrifice of the feaſt of the paſſover be left unto the morning.

26 The firſt of the firſt-fruits of thy land thou ſhalt bring unto the houſe of the Lord thy God. Thou ſhalt not ſeethe a kid in his mother's milk.

27 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Write thou theſe words: for after the tenor of theſe words I have made a covenant with thee, and with Iſrael.

28 And he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

29 And it came to paſs when Moſes came down from mount Sinai (with the two tables of teſtimony in Moſes' hand, when he came down from the mount,) that Moſes wiſt not that the ſkin of his face ſhone, while he talked with him.

30 And when Aaron and all the children of Iſrael ſaw Moſes, behold, the ſkin of his face ſhone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.

31 And Moſes called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moſes talked with them.

32 And afterward all the children of Iſrael came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had ſpoken with him in mount Sinai.

33 And till Moſes had done ſpeaking with them, he put a vail on his face.

34 But when Moſes went in before the Lord to ſpeak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and ſpake unto the children of Iſrael that which he was commanded.

35 And the children of Iſrael ſaw the face of Moſes, that the ſkin of Moſes' face ſhone: and Moſes put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to ſpeak with him.

CHAP. XXXV.

The ſabbath appointed, &c.

AND Moſes gathered all the congregation of the children of Iſrael together, and ſaid unto them, Theſe are the words

Put a vail on his face, ver. 33.] Signifying, firſt, the obſcurity of the law, whoſe true and proper meaning and end could not eaſily be diſcerned; ſecondly, the darkneſs in all men's hearts naturally, till God takes it away.

which the Lord hath commanded, that ye ſhould do them.

2 ¶ Six days ſhall work be done, but on the ſeventh day there ſhall be to you an holy day, a ſabbath of reſt to the Lord: whoſoever doeth work therein ſhall be put to death.

3 Ye ſhall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the ſabbath-day.

4 ¶ And Moſes ſpake unto all the congregation of the children of Iſrael, ſaying, This is the thing which the Lord commanded, ſaying,

5 Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whoſoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord: gold, and ſilver, and braſs,

6 And blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine linen, and goats hair,

7 And ram ſkins dyed red, and badgers ſkins, and ſhittim-wood,

8 And oil for the light, and ſpices for anointing oil, and for the ſweet incenſe,

9 And onyx-ſtones, and ſtones to be ſet, for the ephod, and for the breaſt-plate.

10 And every wiſe-hearted among you ſhall come, and make all that the Lord hath commanded,

11 The tabernacle, his tent, and his covering, his taches, and his boards, his bars, his pillars, and his ſockets,

12 The ark and the ſtaves thereof, with the mercy-ſeat and the vail of the covering,

13 The table and his ſtaves, and all his veſſels, and the ſhew-bread,

14 The candleſtick alſo for the light, and his furniture, and his lamps, with the oil for the light,

15 And the incenſe-altar, and his ſtaves, and the anointing oil, and the ſweet incenſe, and the hanging for the door at the entering-in of the tabernacle,

16 The altar of burnt-offering with his brazen grate, his ſtaves, and all his veſſels, the laver and his foot,

17 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and their ſockets, and the hanging for the door of the court,

18 The pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords,

19 The clothes of ſervice, to do ſervice in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the prieſt, and the garments of his ſons to miniſter in the prieſts' office.

20 ¶ And all the congregation of the children of Iſrael departed from the preſence of Moſes.

21 And they came, every one whoſe heart ſtirred him up, and every one whom his ſpirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation; and for all his ſervice, and for the holy garments.

22 And they came both men and women, as many as were willing-hearted, and brought bracelets, and ear-rings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered, offered an offering of gold unto the Lord.

23 And every man with whom was found blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine linen, and goats hair, and red ſkins of rams, and badgers ſkins brought them.

24 Every one that did offer an offering of ſilver and braſs, brought the Lord's offering: and every man with

Six days, &c. ver. 2.] The obſervation of the Sabbath is ſo often urged, and on ſuch ſeveral penalties impoſed, becauſe of the great importance of it to God's glory, and man's good.

whom was found ſhittim-wood for any work of the ſervice, brought it.

25 And all the women that were wiſe-hearted did ſpin with their hands, and brought that which they had ſpun, both of blue, and of purple, and of ſcarlet, and of fine linen.

26 And all the women whoſe heart ſtirred them up in wiſdom ſpun goats hair.

27 And the rulers brought onyx-ſtones, and ſtones to be ſet, for the ephod, and for the breaſt-plate;

28 And ſpice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the ſweet incenſe.

29 The children of Iſrael brought a willing offering unto the Lord, every man and woman, whoſe heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the Lord had commanded to be made, by the hand of Moſes.

30 And Moſes ſaid unto the children of Iſrael, See, the Lord hath called by name Bezaleel the ſon of Uri, the ſon of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;

31 And he hath filled him with the Spirit of God, in wiſdom, in underſtanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanſhip.

32 And to deviſe curious works, to work in gold, and in ſilver, and in braſs,

33 And in the cutting of ſtones to ſet them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work.

34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he and Aholiab the ſon of Ahiſamach of the tribe of Dan.

35 Them hath he filled with wiſdom of heart to work all manner of work of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in ſcarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of thoſe that deviſe cunning work.

CHAP. XXXVI.

The offerings delivered to the workmen, &c.

THEN wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wiſe-hearted man, in whom the Lord put wiſdom and underſtanding to know how to work all manner of work for the ſervice of the ſanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded.

2 And Moſes called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wiſe-hearted man in whoſe heart the Lord had put wiſdom, even every one whoſe heart ſtirred him up to come unto the work to do it:

3 And they received of Moſes all the offering which the children of Iſrael had brought for the work of the ſervice of the ſanctuary, to make it withal. And they brought yet unto him free-offerings every morning.

4 And all the wiſe men that wrought all the work of the ſanctuary, came every man from his work which they made;

5 ¶ And they ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying, The people bring much more than enough, for the ſervice of the work, which the Lord commanded to make.

6 And Moſes gave commandment, and they cauſed it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, ſaying, Let nei-

Cunning workman, ver. 35.] Who wrought both ſides alike; whereas the embroiderer wrought but on one ſide. Hereby were figured the variety of graces which were to be ſeen in the firſt building of Chriſt's Church.

ther man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the ſanctuary. So the people were reſtrained from bringing.

7 For the ſtuff they had was ſufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

8 And every wiſe-hearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle, made ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and ſcarlet: with cherubims of cunning-work made he them.

9 The length of one curtain was twenty and eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: the curtains were all of one ſize.

10 And he coupled the five curtains one unto another: and the other five curtains he coupled one unto another.

11 And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain, from the ſelvedge in the coupling: likewiſe he made in the uttermoſt ſide of another curtain in the coupling of the ſecond.

12 Fifty loops made he in one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain which was in the coupling of the ſecond: the loops held one curtain to another.

13 And he made fifty taches of gold, and coupled the curtains one unto another with the taches: ſo it became one tabernacle.

14 And he made curtains of goats hair for the tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains he made them.

15 The length of one curtain was thirty cubits, and four cubits was the breadth of one curtain: the eleven curtains were of one ſize.

16 And he coupled five curtains by themſelves, and ſix curtains by themſelves.

17 And he made fifty loops upon the uttermoſt edge of the curtain in the coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain which coupleth the ſecond.

18 And he made fifty taches of braſs to couple the tent together, that it might be one.

19 And he made a covering for the tent of rams ſkins dyed red, and a covering of badgers ſkins above that.

20 And he made boards for the tabernacle of ſhittim-wood, ſtanding up.

21 The length of a board was ten cubits, and the breadth of a board one cubit and a half.

22 One board had two tenons, equally diſtant one from another. Thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

23 And he made boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the ſouth-ſide, ſouth-ward:

24 And forty ſockets of ſilver he made under the twenty boards; two ſockets under one board for his two tenons, and two ſockets under another board for his two tenons.

25 And for the other ſide of the tabernacle which is toward the north corner, he made twenty boards.

26 And their forty ſockets of ſilver: two ſockets under one board, and two ſockets under another board.

27 And for the ſides of the tabernacle weſt-ward he made ſix boards,

Twenty and eight cubits, ver. 9.] Seventeen yards and two inches.
The length of one curtain was thirty cubits, ver. 15.] Eighteen yards and a quarter.

28 And two boards made he for the corners of the tabernacle in the two ſides.

29 And they were coupled beneath, and coupled together at the head thereof, to one ring. Thus he did to both of them in both the corners.

30 And there were eight boards; and their ſockets were ſixteen ſockets of ſilver, under every board two ſockets.

31 And he made bars of ſhittim-wood; five for the boards of the one ſide of the tabernacle,

32 And five bars for the boards of the other ſide of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the ſides weſt-ward.

33 And he made the middle bar to ſhoot through the boards from the one end to the other.

34 And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold to be places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

35 And he made a vail of blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubims made he it of cunning-work.

36 And he made thereunto four pillars of ſhittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold: their hooks were of gold, and he caſt for them four ſockets of ſilver.

37 And he made an hanging for the tabernacle-door of blue and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen, of needle-work;

38 And the five pillars of it with their hooks: and he overlaid their chapiters, and their fillets with gold: but their five ſockets were of braſs.

CHAP. XXXVII.

The ark: the mercy-ſeat, &c.

AND Bezaleel made the ark of ſhittim-wood: two cubits and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it:

2 And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a crown of gold to it round about.

3 And he caſt for it four rings of gold, to be ſet by the four corners of it; even two rings upon the one ſide of it, and two rings upon the other ſide of it.

4 And he made ſtaves of ſhittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold.

5 And he put the ſtaves into the rings by the ſides of the ark to bear the ark.

6 ¶ And he made the mercy-ſeat of pure gold: two cubits and a half was the length thereof, and one cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

7 And he made two cherubims of gold, beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy-ſeat;

8 One cherub on the end on this ſide, and another cherub on the other end on that ſide: out of the mercy-ſeat made he the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

9 And the cherubims ſpread out their wings on high, and covered with their wings over the mercy-ſeat, with their faces one to another; even to the mercy-ſeat-ward were the faces of the cherubims.

10 ¶ And he made the table of ſhittim-wood: two cubits was the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof:

11 And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereunto a crown of gold round about.

12 Alſo he made thereunto a border of an hand-breadth, round about; and made a crown of gold for the border thereof round about.

13 And he caſt for it four rings of gold, and put the rings upon the four corners that were in the four feet thereof.

14 Overagainſt the border were the rings, the places for the ſtaves, to bear the table.

15 And he made the ſtaves of ſhittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the table.

16 And he made the veſſels which were upon the table, his diſhes, and his ſpoons, and his bowls, and his covers to cover withal, of pure gold.

17 ¶ And he made the candleſtick of pure gold: of beaten work made he the candleſtick; his ſhaft and his branch, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers were of the ſame:

18 And ſix branches going out of the ſides thereof; three branches of the candleſtick out of the one ſide thereof, and three branches of the candleſtick out of the other ſide thereof:

19 Three bowls made after the faſhion of almonds in one branch, a knop and a flower; and three bowls made like almonds in another branch, a knop and a flower: ſo throughout the ſix branches, going out of the candleſtick.

20 And in the candleſtick were four bowls made like almonds, his knops and his flowers:

21 And a knop under two branches of the ſame, and a knop under two branches of the ſame, and a knop under two branches of the ſame, according to the ſix branches going out of it.

22 Their knops and their branches were of the ſame: all of it was one beaten work of pure gold.

23 And he made his ſeven lamps, and his ſnuffers, and his ſnuff-diſhes, of pure gold.

24 Of a talent of pure gold made he it, and all the veſſels thereof.

25 ¶ And he made the incenſe altar of ſhittim-wood: the length of it was a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit; (it was four-ſquare;) and two cubits was the height of it; the horns thereof were of the ſame.

26 And he overlaid it with pure gold, both the top of it and the ſides thereof round about, and the horns of it: alſo he made unto it a crown of gold round about.

27 And he made two rings of gold for it under the crown thereof, by the two corners of it, upon the two ſides thereof, to be places for the ſtaves to bear it withal.

28 And he made the ſtaves of ſhittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold.

29 And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incenſe of ſweet ſpices, according to the work of the apothecary.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

The altar of burnt-offering, &c.

AND he made the altar of burnt-offering of ſhittim-wood: five cubits was the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth thereof: (it was four-ſquare:) and three cubits the height thereof.

2 And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it; the horns thereof were of the ſame: and he overlaid it with braſs.

3 And he made all the veſſels of the altar, the pots, and the ſhovels, and the baſons, and the fleſh-hooks, and the fire-pans: all the veſſels thereof made he of braſs.

4 And he made for the altar a brazen grate of net-work, under the compaſs thereof, beneath unto the midſt of it.

5 And he caſt four rings for the four ends of the grate of braſs, to be places for the ſtaves.

6 And he made the ſtaves of ſhittim-wood, and overlaid them with braſs.

7 And he put the ſtaves into the rings on the ſides of the altar, to bear it withal; he made the altar hollow with boards.

8 ¶ And he made the laver of braſs, and the foot of it of braſs, of the looking-glaſſes of the women aſſembling, which aſſembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

9 ¶ And he made the court: on the ſouth-ſide ſouth-ward the hangings of the court were of fine twined linen, an hundred cubits:

10 Their pillars were twenty, and their brazen ſockets twenty: the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets were of ſilver.

11 And for the north-ſide the hangings were an hundred cubits, their pillars were twenty, and their ſockets of braſs twenty: the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets of ſilver.

12 And for the weſt-ſide were hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their ſockets ten: the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of ſilver.

13 And for the eaſt-ſide eaſt-ward fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of the one ſide of the gate were fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their ſockets three.

15 And for the other ſide of the court-gate, on this hand and that hand, were hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their ſockets three.

16 All the hangings of the court round about were of fine twined linen.

17 And the ſockets for the pillars were of braſs; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of ſilver; and the overlaying of their chapiters, of ſilver: and all the pillars of the court were filleted with ſilver.

18 And the hanging for the gate of the court was needle-work, of blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen: and twenty cubits was the length, and the height in the breadth was five cubits, anſwerable to the hangings of the court.

19 And their pillars were four, and their ſockets of braſs four; their hooks of ſilver, and the overlaying of

Women aſſembling, &c. ver. 8.] To be employed in the ſervice of the tabernacle, or to exerciſe themſelves in faſting and praying.

their chapiters, and their fillets, of ſilver.

20 And all the pins of the tabernacle, and of the court round about were of braſs.

21 ¶ This is the ſum of the tabernacle, even of the tabernacle of teſtimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moſes, for the ſervice of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, ſon to Aaron the prieſt.

22 And Bezaleel the ſon of Uri, the ſon of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the Lord commanded Moſes.

23 And with him was Aholiab, ſon of Ahiſamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in ſcarlet, and fine linen.

24 All the gold that was occupied for the work, in all the work of the holy place, even the gold of the offering, was twenty and nine talents, and ſeven hundred and thirty ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary.

25 And the ſilver of them that were numbered of the congregation was an hundred talents, and a thouſand ſeven hundred and threeſcore and fifteen ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary:

26 A bekah for every man, that is, half a ſhekel, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, for every one that went to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for ſix hundred thouſand and three thouſand and five hundred and fifty men.

27 And of the hundred talents of ſilver were caſt the ſockets of the ſanctuary, and the ſockets of the vail, an hundred ſockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a ſocket.

28 And of the thouſand ſeven hundred ſeventy and five ſhekels he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their chapiters, and filleted them.

29 And the braſs of the offering was ſeventy talents, and two thouſand and four hundred ſhekels.

30 And therewith he made the ſockets to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the brazen altar, and the brazen grate for it, and all the veſſels of the altar.

31 And the ſockets of the court round about, and the ſockets of the court-gate, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

CHAP. XXXIX.

The clothes of ſervice, &c.

AND of the blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, they made clothes of ſervice to do ſervice in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

2 ¶ And he made the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen.

3 And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, and in the purple, and in the ſcarlet, and in the fine linen, with cunning work.

4 They made ſhoulder pieces for it, to couple it together: by the two edges was it coupled together.

This is the ſum, &c. ver. 21.] The particulars of the tabernacle and holy things belonging to it; which were taken, as it were, in an inventory, by Ithamar, at the command of Moſes, and delivered to the Levites, that nothing might be loſt.

5 And the curious girdle of his ephod that was upon it, was of the ſame, according to the work thereof; of gold, blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

6 And they wrought onyx-ſtones incloſed in ouches of gold, graven as ſignets are graven, with the names of the children of Iſrael.

7 And he put them on the ſhoulders of the ephod, that they ſhould be ſtones for a memorial to the children of Iſrael; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

8 ¶ And he made the breaſt-plate of cunning-work, like the work of the ephod; of gold, blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 It was four-ſquare; they made the breaſt-plate double: a ſpan was the length thereof, and a ſpan the breadth thereof being doubled.

10 And they ſet in it four rows of ſtones: the firſt row was a ſardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this was the firſt row.

11 And the ſecond row, an emerald, a ſapphire, and a diamond.

12 And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyſt.

13 And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jaſper. They were incloſed in ouches of gold in their incloſings.

14 And the ſtones were, according to the names of the children of Iſrael, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a ſignet, every one with his name, according to the twelve tribes.

15 And they made upon the breaſt-plate chains at the ends, of wreathen work of pure gold.

16 And they made two ouches of gold, and two gold rings: and put the two rings in the two ends of the breaſt-plate.

17 And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breaſt-plate.

18 And the two ends of the two wreathen chains they faſtened in the two ouches, and put them on the ſhoulder-pieces of the ephod, before it.

19 And they made two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the breaſt-plate upon the border of it, which was on the ſide of the ephod inward.

20 And they made two other golden rings, and put them on the two ſides of the ephod underneath, toward the fore-part of it, over againſt the other coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.

21 And they did bind the breaſt-plate by his rings unto the rings of the ephod, with a lace of blue, that it might be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breaſt-plate might not be looſed from the ephod; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

22 ¶ And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue.

23 And there was an hole in the midſt of the robe, as the hole of an habergeon, with a band round about the hole, that it ſhould not rend.

24 And they made upon the hems of the robe, pomegranates of blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and twined linen.

25 And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates, upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates;

26 A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate round about the hem of the robe to miniſter in; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

27 And they made coats of fine linen, of woven work, for Aaron and for his ſons.

28 And a mitre of fine linen, and goodly bonnets of fine linen, and linen breeches of fine twined linen,

29 And a girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and ſcarlet of needle-work; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

30 And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like to the engravings of a ſignet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

31 And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to faſten it on high upon the mitre; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

32 Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finiſhed: and the children of Iſrael did according to all that the Lord commanded Moſes, ſo did they.

33 And they brought the tabernacle unto Moſes, the tent, and all his furniture, his taches, his boards, his bars, and his pillars, and his ſockets,

34 And the covering of rams ſkins dyed red, and the covering of badgers ſkins, and the vail of the covering,

35 The ark of the teſtimony, and the ſtaves thereof, and the mercy-ſeat,

36 The table, and all the veſſels thereof, and the ſhew-bread,

37 The pure candleſtick, with the lamps thereof, even with the lamps to be ſet in order, and all the veſſels thereof, and the oil for light,

38 And the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the ſweet incenſe, and the hanging for the tabernacle-door,

39 The brazen altar, and his grate of braſs, his ſtaves, and all his veſſels, the laver, and his foot,

40 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and his ſockets, and the hanging for the court-gate, his cords, and his pins, and all the veſſels of the ſervice of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation,

41 The clothes of ſervice to do ſervice in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aaron the prieſt, and his ſons garments to miniſter in the prieſt's office.

42 According to all that the Lord commanded Moſes, ſo the children of Iſrael made all the work.

43 And Moſes did look upon all the work, and behold, they had done it as the Lord had commanded, even ſo had they done it; and Moſes bleſſed them.

CHAP. XL.

The tabernacle is commanded to be reared, anointed, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

Bleſſed them, *ver.* 43.] As God's public miniſter, he pronounced a bleſſing in God's name, both on the people for their liberal contributions, and on the workmen for their care and induſtry.

2 On the firſt day of the firſt month ſhalt thou ſet up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.

3 And thou ſhalt put therein the ark of the teſtimony, and cover the ark with the vail.

4 And thou ſhalt bring in the table, and ſet in order the things that are to be ſet in order upon it; and thou ſhalt bring in the candleſtick, and light the lamps thereof.

5 And thou ſhalt ſet the altar of gold for the incenſe before the ark of the teſtimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle.

6 And thou ſhalt ſet the altar of the burnt-offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.

7 And thou ſhalt ſet the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and ſhalt put water therein.

8 And thou ſhalt ſet up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court-gate.

9 ¶ And thou ſhalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle and all that is therein, and ſhalt hallow it, and all the veſſels thereof: and it ſhall be holy.

10 And thou ſhalt anoint the altar of the burnt-offering, and all his veſſels, and ſanctify the altar: and it ſhall be an altar moſt holy.

11 And thou ſhalt anoint the laver and his foot, and ſanctify it.

12 And thou ſhalt bring Aaron and his ſons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and waſh them with water.

13 ¶ And thou ſhalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and ſanctify him; that he may miniſter unto me in the prieſt's office.

14 And thou ſhalt bring his ſons, and clothe them with coats:

15 And thou ſhalt anoint them, as thou didſt anoint their father, that they may miniſter unto me in the prieſt's office: for their anointing ſhall ſurely be an everlaſting prieſthood, throughout their generations.

16 Thus did Moſes: according to all that the Lord commanded him, ſo did he.

17 And it came to paſs, in the firſt month, in the ſecond year, on the firſt day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up.

18 And Moſes reared up the tabernacle, and faſtened his ſockets, and ſet up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars.

19 And he ſpread abroad the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it: as the Lord commanded Moſes.

20 And he took and put the teſtimony into the ark, and ſet the ſtaves on the ark, and put the mercy-ſeat above upon the ark:

21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and ſet up the vail of the covering, and covered the ark of the teſtimony; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

22 And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the ſide of the tabernacle north-ward, without the vail.

Everlaſting prieſthood, ver. 15.] A ſign or ſeal that their prieſthood ſhall continue as long as their polity ſhall laſt; and this unction ſhall be ſufficient for all ſucceeding prieſts, that they ſhall not need to be anointed again, except the high prieſt.

23 And he ſet the bread in order upon it, before the Lord; as the Lord had commanded Moſes.

24 And he put the candleſtick in the tent of the congregation, over againſt the table, on the ſide of the tabernacle ſouth-ward.

25 And he lighted the lamps before the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moſes.

26 And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation, before the vail:

27 And he burnt ſweet incenſe thereon; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

28 And he ſet up the hanging, at the door of the tabernacle.

29 And he put the altar of burnt-offering by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered upon it the burnt-offering, and the meat-offering; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

30 And he ſet the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to waſh withal:

31 And Moſes, and Aaron and his ſons, waſhed their hands and their feet thereat:

32 When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they waſhed; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

33 And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and ſet up the hanging of the court-gate. So Moſes finiſhed the work.

34 Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

35 And Moſes was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, becauſe the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

36 And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Iſrael went on-ward in all their journeys:

37 But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not, till the day that it was taken up.

38 For the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the ſight of all the houſe of Iſrael, throughout all their journeys.

THE THIRD BOOK OF MOSES,

CALLED

LEVITICUS.

CHAP. I.

The burnt-offerings, &c.

AND the Lord called unto Moſes, and ſpake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the Lord, ye ſhall bring your offering of the cattle, even of the herd, and of the flock.

3 ¶ If his offering be a burnt-ſacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male

Not able to enter, ver. 35.] Becauſe of the extraordinary thickneſs and brightneſs of the cloud, which dazzled his eyes, and ſtruck him with horror; and partly becauſe of his great reverence of that eminent and glorious appearance of God.

without blemiſh: he ſhall offer it of his own voluntary will, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the Lord.

4 And he ſhall put his hand upon the head of the burnt-offering: and it ſhall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.

5 And he ſhall kill the bullock before the Lord: and the prieſts Aaron's ſons ſhall bring the blood, and ſprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

6 And he ſhall ſlay the burnt-offering, and cut it into his pieces.

7 And the ſons of Aaron the prieſt ſhall put fire upon the altar, and lay the wood in order upon the fire:

8 And the prieſts Aaron's ſons ſhall lay the parts, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar.

9 But his inwards and his legs ſhall he waſh in water: and the prieſt ſhall burn all on the altar, to be a burnt ſacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord.

10 ¶ And if his offering be of the flocks, namely, of the ſheep, or of the goats, for a burnt-ſacrifice; he ſhall bring it a male without blemiſh.

11 And he ſhall kill it on the ſide of the altar north-ward before the Lord: and the prieſts Aaron's ſons ſhall ſprinkle his blood round about upon the altar.

12 And he ſhall cut it into his pieces, with his head and his fat: and the prieſt ſhall lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar.

13 But he ſhall waſh the inwards and the legs with water: and the prieſt ſhall bring it all, and burn it upon the altar: it is a burnt-ſacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord.

14 ¶ And if the burnt-ſacrifice for his offering to the Lord be of fowls, then he ſhall bring his offering of turtle-doves, or of young pigeons.

15 And the prieſt ſhall bring it unto the altar, and wring off his head, and burn it on the altar: and the blood thereof ſhall be wrung out at the ſide of the altar:

16 And he ſhall pluck away his crop with his feathers, and caſt it beſide the altar on the eaſt-part, by the place of the aſhes.

17 And he ſhall cleave it, with the wings thereof, but ſhall not divide it aſunder: and the prieſt ſhall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that is upon the fire: it is a burnt-ſacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord.

CHAP. II.

The meat-offering of flour with oil and incenſe, &c.

AND when any will offer a meat-offering unto the Lord, his offering ſhall be of fine flour; and he ſhall pour oil upon it, and put frankincenſe thereon:

2 And he ſhall bring it to Aaron's ſons the prieſts: and he ſhall take thereout his handful of the flour thereof, and of

Put frankincenſe thereon, ver. 1.] A ſpecial type of Chriſt, the Bread of Life, anointed with the Spirit, whoſe interceſſion is as ſweet incenſe.

the oil thereof, with all the frankincenſe thereof; and the prieſt ſhall burn the memorial of it upon the altar, to be an offering made by fire, of a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord:

3 And the remnant of the meat-offering ſhall be Aaron's and his ſons: it is a thing moſt holy of the offerings of the Lord made by fire.

4 And if thou bring an oblation of a meat-offering baken in the oven, it ſhall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

5 And if thy oblation be a meat-offering baken in a pan, it ſhall be of fine flour unleavened, mingled with oil.

6 Thou ſhalt part it in pieces, and pour oil thereon: it is a meat-offering.

7 And if thy oblation be a meat-offering baken in the frying-pan, it ſhall be made of fine flour with oil.

8 And thou ſhalt bring the meat-offering, that is made of theſe things, unto the Lord: and when it is preſented unto the prieſt, he ſhall bring it unto the altar.

9 And the prieſt ſhall take from the meat-offering a memorial thereof, and ſhall burn it upon the altar: it is an offering made by fire of a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord.

10 And that which is left of the meat-offering ſhall be Aaron's and his ſons: it is a thing moſt holy of the offerings of the Lord made by fire.

11 No meat-offering, which ye ſhall bring unto the Lord, ſhall be made with leaven: for ye ſhall burn no leaven, nor any honey, in any offering of the Lord made by fire.

12 ¶ As for the oblation of the firſt-fruits, ye ſhall offer them unto the Lord: but they ſhall not be burnt on the altar for a ſweet ſavour.

13 ¶ And every oblation of thy meat-offering ſhalt thou ſeaſon with ſalt; neither ſhalt thou ſuffer the ſalt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat-offering: with all thine offerings thou ſhalt offer ſalt.

14 And if thou offer a meat-offering of thy firſt-fruits unto the Lord, thou ſhalt offer for the meat-offering of thy firſt-fruits green ears of corn dried by the fire, even corn beaten out of full ears.

15 And thou ſhalt put oil upon it, and lay frankincenſe thereon: it is a meat-offering.

16 And the prieſt ſhall burn the memorial of it, part of the beaten corn thereof, and part of the oil thereof, with all the frankincenſe thereof: it is an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

CHAP. III.

The peace-offering of the herd, &c.

AND if his oblation be a ſacrifice of peace-offering, if he offer it of the herd, whether it be a male or female; he ſhall offer it without blemiſh before the Lord.

2 And he ſhall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron's ſons the prieſts

Seaſon with ſalt, ver. 13.] Noting incorruption or ſoundneſs of mind, and ſincerity of grace; and in teſtimony of that communion they had with God in theſe exerciſes of his worſhip.

ſhall ſprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.

3 And he ſhall offer of the ſacrifice of the peace-offering an offering made by fire unto the Lord; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards:

4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it ſhall he take away.

5 And Aaron's ſons ſhall burn it on the altar upon the burnt-ſacrifice, which is upon the wood that is on the fire: it is an offering made by fire, of a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord.

6 ¶ And if his offering for a ſacrifice of peace-offering unto the Lord, be of the flock, male or female; he ſhall offer it without blemiſh.

7 ¶ If he offer a lamb for his offering, then ſhall he offer it before the Lord.

8 And he ſhall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron's ſons ſhall ſprinkle the blood thereof round about upon the altar.

9 And he ſhall offer of the ſacrifice of the peace-offering an offering made by fire unto the Lord: the fat thereof and the whole rump, it ſhall he take off hard by the back-bone; and the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards.

10 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it ſhall he take away.

11 And the prieſt ſhall burn it upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire unto the Lord.

12 ¶ And if his offering be a goat, then he ſhall offer it before the Lord.

13 And he ſhall lay his hand upon the head of it, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and the ſons of Aaron ſhall ſprinkle the blood thereof upon the altar round about.

14 And he ſhall offer thereof his offering, even an offering made by fire unto the Lord; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards,

15 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it ſhall he take away.

16 And the prieſt ſhall burn them upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire, for a ſweet ſavour: all the fat is the Lord's.

17 It ſhall be a perpetual ſtatute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood.

CHAP. IV.

The ſin-offering of ignorance, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, If a ſoul ſhall ſin through ignorance againſt any of the commandments of the Lord, (concerning things which ought not to be done) and ſhall do againſt any of them:

If a ſoul ſhall ſin, ver. 2.] Such a ſin is of a more heinous nature than a mere human infirmity, for they were expiated by the daily ſacrifice, and for which their conſciences were like to check and ſmite them.

3 ¶ If the prieſt that is anointed do ſin according to the ſin of the people; then let him bring for his ſin which he hath ſinned, a young bullock without blemiſh unto the Lord for a ſin-offering.

4 And he ſhall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the Lord, and ſhall lay his hand upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the Lord.

5 And the prieſt that is anointed ſhall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation:

6 And the prieſt ſhall dip his finger in the blood, and ſprinkle of the blood ſeven times before the Lord, before the vail of the ſanctuary.

7 And the prieſt ſhall put ſome of the blood upon the horns of the altar of ſweet incenſe before the Lord, which is in the tabernacle of the congregation; and ſhall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt-offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 And he ſhall take off from it all the fat of the bullock for the ſin-offering; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards;

9 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it ſhall he take away.

10 As it was taken off from the bullock of the ſacrifice of peace-offerings: and the prieſt ſhall burn them upon the altar of the burnt-offering.

11 And the ſkin of the bullock, and all his fleſh, with his head, and with his legs, and his inwards, and his dung,

12 Even the whole bullock ſhall he carry forth without the camp, unto a clean place, where the aſhes are poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire: where the aſhes are poured out, ſhall he be burnt.

13 ¶ And if the whole congregation of Iſrael ſin through ignorance, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the aſſembly, and they have done ſomewhat againſt any of the commandments of the Lord, concerning things which ſhould not be done, and are guilty;

14 When the ſin which they have ſinned againſt it is known, then the congregation ſhall offer a young bullock for the ſin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation.

15 And the elders of the congregation ſhall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the Lord: and the bullock ſhall be killed before the Lord.

16 And the prieſt that is anointed, ſhall bring of the bullock's blood to the tabernacle of the congregation:

17 And the prieſt ſhall dip his finger in ſome of the blood, and ſprinkle it ſeven times before the Lord, even before the vail.

18 And he ſhall put ſome of the blood upon the horns of the altar which is before the Lord, that is in the tabernacle of the congregation, and ſhall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt-offering, which

Put ſome of the blood upon the horns of the altar, ver. 7.] To ſignify, that by faith in the blood of Chriſt our prayers are acceptable to God, and our ſins forgiven.

is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

19 And he ſhall take all his fat from him, and burn it upon the altar.

20 And he ſhall do with the bullock as he did with the bullock for a ſin-offering, ſo ſhall he do with this: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for them, and it ſhall be forgiven them.

21 And he ſhall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn him as he burned the firſt bullock: it is a ſin-offering for the congregation.

22 ¶ When a ruler hath ſinned, and done ſomewhat through ignorance againſt any of the commandments of the Lord his God, concerning things which ſhould not be done, and is guilty;

23 Or if his ſin, wherein he hath ſinned, come to his knowledge; he ſhall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemiſh;

24 And he ſhall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt-offering before the Lord: it is a ſin-offering.

25 And the prieſt ſhall take of the blood of the ſin-offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and ſhall pour out his blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt-offering.

26 And he ſhall burn all his fat upon the altar, as the fat of the ſacrifice of peace-offerings: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him as concerning his ſin, and it ſhall be forgiven him.

27 ¶ And if any one of the common people ſin through ignorance, while he doeth ſomewhat againſt any of the commandments of the Lord, concerning things which ought not to be done, and be guilty;

28 Or if his ſin which he hath ſinned come to his knowledge; then he ſhall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemiſh, for his ſin which he hath ſinned.

29 And he ſhall lay his hand upon the head of the ſin-offering, and ſlay the ſin-offering in the place of the burnt-offering.

30 And the prieſt ſhall take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and ſhall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar.

31 And he ſhall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat is taken away from off the ſacrifice of peace-offerings; and the prieſt ſhall burn it upon the altar for a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him, and it ſhall be forgiven him.

32 And if he bring a lamb for a ſin-offering, he ſhall bring it a female without blemiſh.

33 And he ſhall lay his hand upon the head of the ſin-offering, and ſlay it for a ſin-offering, in the place where they kill the burnt-offering.

34 And the prieſt ſhall take of the blood of the ſin-offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and ſhall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar:

Shall be forgiven him, ver. 26.] Both ceremonially and judicially, as to all eccleſiaſtical cenſures, or civil puniſhments; and alſo really upon condition of their repentance, and faith in the Meſſiah to come.

35 And he ſhall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the ſacrifice of the peace-offerings: and the prieſt ſhall burn them upon the altar; according to the offerings made by fire unto the Lord: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for his ſin that he hath committed, and it ſhall be forgiven him.

CHAP. V.

Of him that concealeth his knowledge in touching of an unclean thing, &c.

AND if a ſoul ſin, and hear the voice of ſwearing, and is a witneſs, whether he hath ſeen or known of it: if he do not utter it, then he ſhall bear his iniquity.

2 Or if a ſoul touch any unclean thing, whether it be a carcaſs of an unclean beaſt, or a carcaſs of unclean cattle, or the carcaſs of unclean creeping things, and if it be hidden from him; he alſo ſhall be unclean, and guilty.

3 Or if he touch the uncleanneſs of man, whatſoever uncleanneſs it be that a man ſhall be defiled withal, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he ſhall be guilty.

4 ¶ Or if a ſoul ſwear, pronouncing with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatſoever it be that a man ſhall pronounce with an oath, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he ſhall be guilty in one of theſe.

5 And it ſhall be, when he ſhall be guilty in one of theſe things, that he ſhall confeſs that he hath ſinned in that thing.

6 And he ſhall bring his treſpaſs-offering unto the Lord for his ſin which he hath ſinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a ſin-offering: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him concerning his ſin.

7 And if he be not able to bring a lamb, then he ſhall bring for his treſpaſs which he hath committed, two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons unto the Lord: one for a ſin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering.

8 And he ſhall bring them unto the prieſt, who ſhall offer that which is for the ſin-offering firſt, and wring off his head from his neck, but ſhall not divide it aſunder.

9 And he ſhall ſprinkle of the blood of the ſin-offering upon the ſide of the altar; and the reſt of the blood ſhall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar: it is a ſin-offering.

10 And he ſhall offer the ſecond for a burnt-offering, according to the manner: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him for his ſin which he hath ſinned, and it ſhall be forgiven him.

11 But if he be not able to bring two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons; then he that ſinned ſhall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a ſin-offering: he ſhall put no oil upon it, neither ſhall he put any frankincenſe thereon: for it is a ſin-offering.

12 Then ſhall he bring it to the prieſt, and the prieſt ſhall take his handful of it, even a memorial thereof, and

Sin-offering firſt, ver. 8.] To teach us that we muſt not reſt in general confeſſions and repentance, but ſearch out, and confeſs our ſins as particularly as we can.

burn it on the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the Lord: it is a ſin-offering.

13 And the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him as touching his ſin that he hath ſinned in one of theſe, and it ſhall be forgiven him: and the remnant ſhall be the prieſt's, as a meat-offering.

14 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

15 If a ſoul commit a treſpaſs, and ſin through ignorance, in the holy things of the Lord; then he ſhall bring for his treſpaſs unto the Lord, a ram without blemiſh, out of the flocks, with thy eſtimation, by ſhekels of ſilver, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, for a treſpaſs-offering:

16 And he ſhall make amends for the harm that he hath done in the holy thing, and ſhall add the fifth part thereto, and give it unto the prieſt: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him with the ram of the treſpaſs-offering, and it ſhall be forgiven him.

17 ¶ And if a ſoul ſin, and commit any of theſe things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the Lord; though he wiſt not, yet is he guilty, and ſhall bear his iniquity.

18 And he ſhall bring a ram without blemiſh out of the flock, with thy eſtimation, for a treſpaſs-offering, unto the prieſt: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance wherein he erred and wiſt it not: and it ſhall be forgiven him.

19 It is a treſpaſs-offering; he hath certainly treſpaſſed againſt the Lord.

CHAP. VI.

The treſpaſs-offering for ſins done wittingly, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 If a ſoul ſin, and commit a treſpaſs againſt the Lord, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowſhip, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour;

3 Or have found that which was loſt, and lieth concerning it, and ſweareth falſely; in any of all theſe that a man doeth, ſinning therein:

4 Then it ſhall be, becauſe he hath ſinned and is guilty, that he ſhall reſtore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the loſt thing which he found,

5 Or all that about which he hath ſworn falſely; he ſhall even reſtore it in the principal, and ſhall add the fifth part more thereto, and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his treſpaſs-offering.

6 And he ſhall bring his treſpaſs-offering unto the Lord, a ram without blemiſh out of the flock, with thy eſtimation, for a treſpaſs-offering, unto the prieſt:

7 And the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him before the Lord: and it ſhall be forgiven him, for any thing of all that he hath done, in treſpaſſing therein.

Commit a treſpaſs againſt the Lord, ver. 2.] In ſuch a way as that no man can take cognizance of it, and where God only is both witneſs and judge.

8 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

9 Command Aaron and his ſons, ſaying, This is the law of the burnt-offering: (It is the burnt-offering, becauſe of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar ſhall be burning in it.)

10 And the prieſt ſhall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches ſhall he put upon his fleſh, and take up the aſhes which the fire hath conſumed with the burnt-offering on the altar, and he ſhall put them beſide the altar.

11 And he ſhall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the aſhes without the camp unto a clean place.

12 And the fire upon the altar ſhall be burning in it; it ſhall not be put out: and the prieſt ſhall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt-offering in order upon it; and he ſhall burn thereon the fat of the peace-offerings.

13 The fire ſhall ever be burning upon the altar; it ſhall never go out.

14 And this is the law of the meat-offering: the ſons of Aaron ſhall offer it before the Lord, before the altar.

15 And he ſhall take of it his handful, of the flour of the meat-offering, and of the oil thereof, and all the frankincenſe which is upon the meat-offering, and ſhall burn it upon the altar for a ſweet ſavour, even the memorial of it unto the Lord.

16 And the remainder thereof ſhall Aaron and his ſons eat: with unleavened bread ſhall it be eaten in the holy place; in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation they ſhall eat it.

17 It ſhall not be baken with leaven. I have given it unto them for their portion of my offerings made by fire: it is moſt holy, as is the ſin-offering, and as the treſpaſs-offering.

18 All the males among the children of Aaron ſhall eat of it. It ſhall be a ſtatute for ever in your generations concerning the offerings of the Lord made by fire: every one that toucheth them ſhall be holy.

19 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

20 This is the offering of Aaron, and of his ſons, which they ſhall offer unto the Lord, in the day when he is anointed; the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meat-offering perpetual, half of it in the morning, and half thereof at night:

21 In a pan it ſhall be made with oil; and when it is baken, thou ſhalt bring it in: and the baken pieces of the meat-offering ſhalt thou offer for a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord.

22 And the prieſt of his ſons, that is anointed in his ſtead, ſhall offer it: it is a ſtatute for ever unto the Lord; it ſhall be wholly burnt.

23 For every meat-offering for the prieſt ſhall be wholly burnt: it ſhall not be eaten.

24 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

25 Speak unto Aaron and to his ſons, ſaying, This is the law of the ſin-offering: in the place where the burnt-offering is killed, ſhall the ſin-offering be

The fire ſhall ever be burning, ver. 13.] That ſo the fire that came from heaven might be kept alive continually; and noting, that no ſervice is acceptable, but what is done with ardor of affection kindled by the Spirit.

killed before the Lord: it is moſt holy.

26 The prieſt that offereth it for ſin ſhall eat it: in the holy place ſhall it be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation.

27 Whatſoever ſhall touch the fleſh thereof ſhall be holy: and when there is ſprinkled of the blood thereof upon any garment, thou ſhalt waſh that whereon it was ſprinkled in the holy place.

28 But the earthen veſſel wherein it is ſodden, ſhall be broken: and if it be ſodden in a brazen pot, it ſhall be both ſcoured, and rinſed in water.

29 All the males among the prieſts ſhall eat thereof: it is moſt holy.

30 And no ſin-offering, whereof any of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation to reconcile withal in the holy place, ſhall be eaten: it ſhall be burnt in the fire.

CHAP. VII.

The law of the treſpaſs-offering, &c.

LIKEWISE this is the law of the treſpaſs-offering: it is moſt holy.

2 In the place where they kill the burnt-offering, ſhall they kill the treſpaſs-offering; and the blood thereof ſhall he ſprinkle round about upon the altar.

3 And he ſhall offer of it all the fat thereof; the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards.

4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, and the caul that is above the liver, with the kidneys, it ſhall he take away:

5 And the prieſt ſhall burn them upon the altar, for an offering made by fire unto the Lord: it is a treſpaſs-offering.

6 Every male among the prieſts ſhall eat thereof: it ſhall be eaten in the holy place: it is moſt holy.

7 As the ſin-offering is, ſo is the treſpaſs-offering: there is one law for them: the prieſt that maketh atonement therewith ſhall have it.

8 And the prieſt that offereth any man's burnt-offering, even the prieſt ſhall have to himſelf the ſkin of the burnt-offering which he hath offered:

9 And all the meat-offering that is baken in the oven, and all that is dreſſed in the frying-pan, and in the pan, ſhall be the prieſt's that offereth it.

10 And every meat-offering mingled with oil, and dry, ſhall all the ſons of Aaron have, one as much as another.

11 ¶ And this is the law of the ſacrifice of peace-offerings, which he ſhall offer unto the Lord.

12 If he offer it for a thankſgiving, then he ſhall offer with the ſacrifice of thankſgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried.

13 Beſides the cakes, he ſhall offer for his offering leavened bread, with the ſacrifice of thankſgiving of his peace-offerings.

14 And of it he ſhall offer one out of the whole oblation for an heave-offering unto the Lord, and it ſhall be the prieſt's

Leavened bread, ver. 13.] This was a ſacrifice of thankſgiving for God's bleſſings, among which leavened bread was one; and it might note, that God rejects not the ſervice of his people, though tainted with corruption.

that ſprinkleth the blood of the peace-offerings.

15 And the fleſh of the ſacrifice of his peace-offerings for thankſgiving ſhall be eaten the ſame day that it is offered: he ſhall not leave any of it until the morning.

16 But if the ſacrifice of his offering be a vow, or a voluntary offering, it ſhall be eaten the ſame day that he offereth his ſacrifice: and on the morrow alſo the remainder of it ſhall be eaten:

17 But the remainder of the fleſh of the ſacrifice on the third day ſhall be burnt with fire.

18 And if any of the fleſh of the ſacrifice of his peace-offerings be eaten at all on the third day, it ſhall not be accepted, neither ſhall it be imputed unto him that offereth it: it ſhall be an abomination, and the ſoul that eateth of it ſhall bear his iniquity.

19 And the fleſh that toucheth any unclean thing, ſhall not be eaten; it ſhall be burnt with fire: and as for the fleſh, all that be clean ſhall eat thereof.

20 But the ſoul that eateth of the fleſh of the ſacrifice of peace-offerings, that pertain unto the Lord, having his uncleanneſs upon him, even that ſoul ſhall be cut off from his people.

21 Moreover, the ſoul that ſhall touch any unclean thing, as the uncleanneſs of man, or any unclean beaſt, or any abominable unclean thing, and eat of the fleſh of the ſacrifice of peace-offerings which pertain unto the Lord, even that ſoul ſhall be cut off from his people.

22 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

23 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, Ye ſhall eat no manner of fat, of ox, or of ſheep, or of goat.

24 And the fat of the beaſt that dieth of itſelf, and the fat of that which is torn with beaſts, may be uſed in any other uſe: but ye ſhall in no wiſe eat of it.

25 For whoſoever eateth the fat of the beaſt, of which men offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord, even the ſoul that eateth it, ſhall be cut off from his people.

26 Moreover, ye ſhall eat no manner of blood, whether it be of fowl or of beaſt, in any of your dwellings.

27 Whatſoever ſoul it be that eateth any manner of blood, even that ſoul ſhall be cut off from his people.

28 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

29 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, He that offereth the ſacrifice of his peace-offerings unto the Lord, ſhall bring his oblation unto the Lord, of the ſacrifice of his peace-offerings.

30 His own hands ſhall bring the offerings of the Lord made by fire, the fat with the breaſt, it ſhall he bring, that the breaſt may be waved for a wave-offering before the Lord.

31 And the prieſt ſhall burn the fat upon the altar; but the breaſt ſhall be Aaron's and his ſons.

32 And the right-ſhoulder ſhall ye give unto the prieſt for an heave-offering, of the ſacrifices of your peace-offerings.

Shall be eaten the ſame day, ver. 15.] To teach them that they ſhould not delay to accept of Chriſt, to receive his grace, and to return thanks for mercies received.

33 He among the ſons of Aaron that offereth the blood of the peace-offerings, and the fat, ſhall have the right-ſhoulder for his part.

34 For the wave-breaſt and the heave-ſhoulder have I taken of the children of Iſrael from off the ſacrifices of their peace-offerings, and have given them unto Aaron the prieſt, and unto his ſons, by a ſtatute for ever, from among the children of Iſrael.

35 This is the portion of the anointing of Aaron, and of the anointing of his ſons, out of the offerings of the Lord made by fire, in the day when he preſented them to miniſter unto the Lord in the prieſt's office;

36 Which the Lord commanded to be given them of the children of Iſrael, in the day that he anointed them, by a ſtatute for ever, throughout their generations.

37 This is the law of the burnt-offering, of the meat-offering, and of the ſin-offering, and of the treſpaſs-offering, and of the conſecrations, and of the ſacrifice of the peace-offerings;

38 Which the Lord commanded Moſes in mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the children of Iſrael to offer their oblations unto the Lord, in the wilderneſs of Sinai.

CHAP. VIII.

Moſes conſecrateth Aaron and his ſons: their ſin-offering, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Take Aaron and his ſons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and a bullock for the ſin-offering, and two rams, and a baſket of unleavened bread;

3 And gather thou all the congregation together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And Moſes did as the Lord commanded him, and the aſſembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

5 And Moſes ſaid unto the congregation, This is the thing which the Lord commanded to be done.

6 And Moſes brought Aaron and his ſons, and waſhed them with water.

7 And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound it unto him therewith.

8 And he put the breaſt-plate upon him: alſo he put in the breaſt-plate the Urim and the Thummim.

9 And he put the mitre upon his head; alſo upon the mitre, even upon his fore-front, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

10 And Moſes took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and ſanctified them.

11 And he ſprinkled thereof upon the altar ſeven times, and anointed the altar and all his veſſels, both the laver and his foot, to ſanctify them.

Laver and his foot, ver. 11.] Where the prieſts waſh themſelves and the ſacrifices, and veſſels, and inſtruments of holy miniſtration.

12 And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him to ſanctify him.

13 And Moſes brought Aaron's ſons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

14 ¶ And he brought the bullock for the ſin-offering: and Aaron and his ſons laid their hands upon the head of the bullock for the ſin-offering.

15 And he ſlew it; and Moſes took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar; and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and ſanctified it, to make reconciliation upon it.

16 And he took all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and Moſes burned it upon the altar.

17 But the bullock, and his hide, his fleſh, and his dung, he burnt with fire without the camp; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

18 ¶ And he brought the ram for the burnt-offering: and Aaron and his ſons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

19 And he killed it, and Moſes ſprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

20 And he cut the ram into pieces, and Moſes burnt the head, and the pieces, and the fat.

21 And he waſhed the inwards and the legs in water; and Moſes burnt the whole ram upon the altar: it was a burnt-ſacrifice for a ſweet ſavour, and an offering made by fire unto the Lord; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

22 ¶ And he brought the other ram, the ram of conſecration: and Aaron and his ſons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

23 And he ſlew it, and Moſes took of the blood of it, and put it upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

24 And he brought Aaron's ſons, and Moſes put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet: and and Moſes ſprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

25 And he took the fat, and the rump, and all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat, and the right ſhoulder:

26 And out of the baſket of unleavened bread, that was before the Lord, he took one unleavened cake, and a cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put them on the fat, and upon the right ſhoulder:

27 And he put all upon Aaron's hands, and upon his ſons' hands, and waved them for a wave-offering before the Lord.

28 And Moſes took them from off their hands, and burnt them on the altar, upon the burnt-offering: they were conſecrations for a ſweet ſavour: it is an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

Moſes ſprinkled the blood, ver. 24.] To ſignify, that the perfection of their conſecration was in Chriſt.

29 And Moſes took the breaſt, and waved it for a wave-offering before the Lord: for of the ram of conſecration it was Moſes' part; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

30 And Moſes took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which was upon the altar, and ſprinkled it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his ſons, and upon his ſons' garments with him; and ſanctified Aaron and his garments, and his ſons, and his ſons' garments with him.

31 ¶ And Moſes ſaid unto Aaron, and to his ſons, Boil the fleſh at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; and there eat it with the bread that is in the baſket of conſecrations, as I commanded, ſaying, Aaron and his ſons ſhall eat it.

32 And that which remaineth of the fleſh, and of the bread, ſhall ye burn with fire.

33 And ye ſhall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation in ſeven days, until the days of your conſecration be at an end: for ſeven days ſhall he conſecrate you.

34 As he hath done this day, ſo the Lord hath commanded to do, to make an atonement for you.

35 Therefore ſhall ye abide at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night, ſeven days, and keep the charge of the Lord, that ye die not: for ſo I am commanded.

36 So Aaron and his ſons did all things which the Lord commanded by the hand of Moſes.

CHAP. IX.

Aaron's ſin-offering, and burnt-offering, for himſelf and the people.

AND it came to paſs on the eighth day, that Moſes called Aaron and his ſons, and the elders of Iſrael;

2 And he ſaid unto Aaron, Take thee a young calf for a ſin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering, without blemiſh, and offer them before the Lord.

3 And unto the children of Iſrael thou ſhalt ſpeak, ſaying, Take ye a kid of the goats for a ſin-offering; and a calf, and a lamb, both of the firſt year without blemiſh, for a burnt-offering;

4 Alſo a bullock and a ram for peace-offerings, to ſacrifice before the Lord; and a meat-offering mingled with oil: for to-day the Lord will appear unto you.

5 And they brought that which Moſes commanded before the tabernacle of the congregation: and all the congregation drew near and ſtood before the Lord.

6 And Moſes ſaid, This is the thing which the Lord commanded that ye ſhould do: and the glory of the Lord ſhall appear unto you.

7 And Moſes ſaid unto Aaron, Go unto the altar, and offer thy ſin-offering, and thy burnt-offering, and make an atonement for thyſelf, and for the people: and offer the offering of the people, and make an atonement for them; as the Lord commanded.

Eighth day, ver. 1.] The very next day after the ſeven days of their conſecration were ended: this teaches, that we muſt not draw nigh to God until we are thoroughly prepared, and then we may.

8 ¶ Aaron therefore went unto the altar, and ſlew the calf of the ſin-offering, which was for himſelf.

9 And the ſons of Aaron brought the blood unto him: and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar:

10 But the fat, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver of the ſin-offering he burnt upon the altar; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

11 And the fleſh and the hide he burnt with fire without the camp.

12 And he ſlew the burnt-offering; and Aaron's ſons preſented unto him the blood, which he ſprinkled round about upon the altar.

13 And they preſented the burnt-offering unto him, with the pieces thereof, and the head: and he burnt them upon the altar.

14 And he did waſh the inwards and the legs, and burnt them upon the burnt-offering on the altar.

15 And he brought the people's offering, and took the goat, which was the ſin-offering for the people, and ſlew it, and offered it for ſin, as the firſt.

16 And he brought the burnt-offering, and offered it according to the manner.

17 And he brought the meat-offering, and took an handful thereof, and burnt it upon the altar, beſide the burnt-ſacrifice of the morning.

18 He ſlew alſo the bullock and the ram for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, which was for the people: and Aaron's ſons preſented unto him the blood, which he ſprinkled upon the altar round about;

19 And the fat of the bullock, and of the ram, the rump, and that which covereth the inwards, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver:

20 And they put the fat upon the breaſts, and he burnt the fat upon the altar:

21 And the breaſts and the right ſhoulder Aaron waved for a wave-offering before the Lord; as Moſes commanded.

22 ¶ And Aaron lifted up his hand toward the people, and bleſſed them; and came down from offering of the ſin-offering, and the burnt-offering, and peace-offerings.

23 And Moſes and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and bleſſed the people: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto all the people.

24 ¶ And there came a fire out from before the Lord, and conſumed upon the altar the burnt-offering, and the fat: which when all the people ſaw, they ſhouted, and fell on their faces.

CHAP. X.

Nadab and Abihu burnt, &c.

AND Nadab and Abihu, the ſons of Aaron, took either of them his cenſer and put fire therein, and put incenſe thereon, and offered ſtrange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not.

2 And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.

The glory of the Lord appeared, ver. 23.] An extraordinary ſplendour, or brightneſs, appearing out of the cloudy pillar, which was a token of God's gracious acceptation of them and their ſervices.

3 Then Moſes ſaid unto Aaron, This is it that the Lord ſpake, ſaying, I will be ſanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.

4 And Moſes called Miſhael and Elzaphan, the ſons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and ſaid unto them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the ſanctuary out of the camp.

5 So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moſes had ſaid.

6 And Moſes ſaid unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar his ſons, Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes; leſt ye die, and leſt wrath come upon all the people: but let your brethren, the whole houſe of Iſrael, bewail the burning which the Lord hath kindled.

7 And ye ſhall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, leſt ye die: for the anointing oil of the Lord is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moſes.

8 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Aaron, ſaying,

9 Do not drink wine nor ſtrong drink, thou, nor thy ſons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, leſt ye die: it ſhall be a ſtatute for ever throughout your generations;

10 And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;

11 And that ye may teach the children of Iſrael all the ſtatutes which the Lord hath ſpoken unto them by the hand of Moſes.

12 And Moſes ſpake unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his ſons that were left, Take the meat-offering that remaineth of the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and eat it without leaven beſide the altar: for it is moſt holy:

13 And ye ſhall eat it in the holy place, becauſe it is thy due, and thy ſons' due of the ſacrifices of the Lord made by fire; for ſo I am commanded.

14 And the wave-breaſt, and heave-ſhoulder ſhall ye eat in a clean place; thou, and thy ſons, and thy daughters with thee: for they be thy due, and thy ſons' due, which are given out of the ſacrifices of peace-offerings of the children of Iſrael.

15 The heave-ſhoulder, and the wave-breaſt ſhall they bring, with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave it for a wave-offering before the Lord; and it ſhall be thine, and thy ſons with thee, by a ſtatute for ever; as the Lord hath commanded.

16 And Moſes diligently ſought the goat of the ſin-offering, and behold, it was burnt: and he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the ſons of Aaron which were left alive, ſaying,

17 Wherefore have ye not eaten the ſin-offering in the holy place, ſeeing it is moſt holy, and God hath given it you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the Lord?

18 Behold the blood of it was not brought in within the holy place: ye

Put difference between holy and unholy, ver. 10.] Having the full uſe and reaſon of your underſtanding, to diſtinguiſh between clean and unclean, in matters of doctrine, ceremony, manners or morality, and to teach the people accordingly.

ſhould indeed have eaten it in the holy place, as I commanded.

19 And Aaron ſaid unto Moſes, Behold, this day have they offered their ſin-offering, and their burnt-offering before the Lord: and ſuch things have befallen me: and if I had eaten the ſin-offering to-day, ſhould it have been accepted in the ſight of the Lord?

20 And when Moſes heard that, he was content.

CHAP. XI.

Of meats, clean and unclean.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, and to Aaron, ſaying unto them,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, Theſe are the beaſts which ye ſhall eat among all the beaſts that are on the earth.

3 Whatſoever parteth the hoof, and is cloven-footed, and cheweth the cud among the beaſts, that ſhall ye eat.

4 ¶ Nevertheleſs, theſe ſhall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof; as the camel, becauſe he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.

5 And the cony, becauſe he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.

6 And the hare, becauſe he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.

7 And the ſwine, though he divide the hoof, and be cloven-footed; yet he cheweth not the cud: he is unclean to you.

8 Of their fleſh ſhall ye not eat, and their carcaſs ſhall ye not touch; they are unclean to you.

9 Theſe ſhall ye eat of all that are in the waters: whatſoever hath fins and ſcales in the waters, in the ſeas, and in the rivers, them ſhall ye eat.

10 And all that have not fins and ſcales in the ſeas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they ſhall be an abomination unto you.

11 They ſhall be even an abomination unto you: ye ſhall not eat of their fleſh, but ye ſhall have their carcaſſes in abomination.

12 Whatſoever hath no fins nor ſcales in the waters, that ſhall be an abomination unto you.

13 ¶ And theſe are they which ye ſhall have in abomination among the fowls; (they ſhall not be eaten, they are an abomination:) the eagle, and the oſſifrage, and the oſpray,

14 And the vulture, and the kite after his kind;

15 Every raven after his kind;

16 And the owl, and the night-hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind,

17 And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl,

18 And the ſwan, and the pelican, and the gier-eagle,

19 And the ſtork, the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.

20 All fowls that creep, going upon all four, ſhall be an abomination unto you.

He was content, ver. 20, ch. x.] Becauſe it was not done wittingly, but through human frailty; they being perplexed with grief. The letter of the law gives place to great neceſſity.

21 Yet theſe may ye eat of, every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth;

22 Even theſe of them ye may eat; the locuſt after his kind, and the bald locuſt after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the graſhopper after his kind.

23 But all other flying creeping things which have four feet, ſhall be an abomination unto you.

24 And for theſe ye ſhall be unclean: whoſoever toucheth the carcaſs of them ſhall be unclean until the even.

25 And whoſoever beareth ought of the carcaſs of them ſhall waſh his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

26 The carcaſſes of every beaſt which divideth the hoof, and is not cloven-footed, nor cheweth the cud, are unclean unto you: every one that toucheth them ſhall be unclean.

27 And whatſoever goeth upon his paws, among all manner of beaſts that go on all four, thoſe are unclean unto you: whoſo toucheth their carcaſs ſhall be unclean until the even.

28 And he that beareth the carcaſs of them ſhall waſh his clothes, and be unclean until the even: they are unclean unto you.

29 Theſe alſo ſhall be unclean unto you among the creeping things that creep upon the earth; the weaſel and the mouſe, and the tortoiſe after his kind,

30 And the ferret, and the chameleon, and the lizard, and the ſnail, and the mole.

31 Theſe are unclean to you among all that creep: whoſoever doth touch them when they be dead, ſhall be unclean until the even.

32 And upon whatſoever any of them, when they are dead, doth fall, it ſhall be unclean; whether it be any veſſel of wood, or raiment, or ſkin, or ſack, whatſoever veſſel it be, wherein any work is done, it muſt be put into water, and it ſhall be unclean until the even; ſo it ſhall be cleanſed.

33 And every earthen veſſel, whereinto any of them falleth, whatſoever is in it ſhall be unclean; and ye ſhall break it.

34 Of all meat which may be eaten, that on which ſuch water cometh ſhall be unclean: and all drink, that may be drunk in every ſuch veſſel, ſhall be unclean.

35 And every thing, whereupon any part of their carcaſs falleth, ſhall be unclean; whether it be oven, or ranges for pots, they ſhall be broken down: for they are unclean, and ſhall be unclean unto you.

36 Nevertheleſs a fountain or pit, wherein there is plenty of water, ſhall be clean: but that which toucheth their carcaſs ſhall be unclean.

37 And if any part of their carcaſs fall upon any ſowing ſeed which is to be ſown, it ſhall be clean:

38 But if any water be put upon the ſeed, and any part of their carcaſs fall thereon, it ſhall be unclean unto you.

39 And if any beaſt, of which ye may eat, die; he that toucheth the carcaſs thereof ſhall be unclean until the even.

Unclean until the even, ver. 24.] Signifying, that even the ſmalleſt defilements could not be cleanſed but by the death of Chriſt, who was to come and offer up himſelf in the evening or laſt days of the world.

40 And he that eateth of the carcaſs of it ſhall waſh his clothes, and be unclean until the even: he alſo that beareth the carcaſs of it ſhall waſh his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

41 And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth ſhall be an abomination: it ſhall not be eaten.

42 Whatſoever goeth upon the belly, and whatſoever goeth upon all four, or whatſoever hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye ſhall not eat; for they are an abomination.

43 Ye ſhall not make yourſelves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither ſhall ye make yourſelves unclean with them, that ye ſhould be defiled thereby.

44 For I am the Lord your God: ye ſhall therefore ſanctify yourſelves, and ye ſhall be holy; for I am holy: neither ſhall ye defile yourſelves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

45 For I am the Lord that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye ſhall therefore be holy; for I am holy.

46 This is the law of the beaſts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth:

47 To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beaſt that may be eaten, and the beaſt that may not be eaten.

CHAP. XII.

Women's purifications, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, If a woman have conceived ſeed, and born a man-child; then ſhe ſhall be unclean ſeven days according to the days of the ſeparation, for her infirmity ſhall ſhe be unclean.

3 And in the eighth day the fleſh of his foreſkin ſhall be circumciſed.

4 And ſhe ſhall then continue in the blood of her purifying three and thirty days: ſhe ſhall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the ſanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled.

5 But if ſhe bear a maid-child, then ſhe ſhall be unclean two weeks, as in her ſeparation: and ſhe ſhall continue in the blood of her purifying threeſcore and ſix days.

6 ¶ And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled for a ſon, or for a daughter; ſhe ſhall bring a lamb of the firſt year for a burnt-offering, and a young pigeon or a turtle-dove for a ſin-offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the prieſt:

7 Who ſhall offer it before the Lord, and make an atonement for her: and ſhe ſhall be cleanſed from the iſſue of her blood. This is the law for her that hath born a male or a female.

8 And if ſhe be not able to bring a lamb, then ſhe ſhall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the

A turtle-dove for a ſin-offering, ver. 6.] To make atonement for thoſe particular ſins ſhe might be guilty of in reference to the time and ſtate of child-bearing.

burnt-offering, and the other for a ſin-offering: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for her, and ſhe ſhall be clean.

CHAP. XIII.

Tokens to diſcern the leproſy.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes and Aaron, ſaying,

2 When a man ſhall have in the ſkin of his fleſh a riſing, a ſcab, or bright ſpot, and it be in the ſkin of his fleſh, like the plague of leproſy; then he ſhall be brought unto Aaron the prieſt, or unto one of his ſons the prieſts:

3 And the prieſt ſhall look on the plague in the ſkin of the fleſh: and when the hair in the plague is turned white, and the plague in ſight be deeper than the ſkin of his fleſh, it is a plague of leproſy: and the prieſt ſhall look on him, and pronounce him unclean.

4 If the bright ſpot be white in the ſkin of his fleſh, and in ſight be not deeper than the ſkin, and the hair thereof be not turned white; then the prieſt ſhall ſhut up him that hath the plague ſeven days:

5 And the prieſt ſhall look on him the ſeventh day; and behold, if the plague in his ſight be at a ſtay, and the plague ſpread not in the ſkin; then the prieſt ſhall ſhut him up ſeven days more:

6 And the prieſt ſhall look on him again the ſeventh day: and behold, if the plague be ſomewhat dark, and the plague ſpread not in the ſkin; the prieſt ſhall pronounce him clean: it is but a ſcab: and he ſhall waſh his clothes, and be clean.

7 But if the ſcab ſpread much abroad in the ſkin after that he hath been ſeen of the prieſt for his cleanſing; he ſhall be ſeen of the prieſt again:

8 And if the prieſt ſee, that behold, the ſcab ſpreadeth in the ſkin; then the prieſt ſhall pronounce him unclean: it is a leproſy.

9 When the plague of leproſy is in a man, then he ſhall be brought unto the prieſt;

10 And the prieſt ſhall ſee him; and behold, if the riſing be white in the ſkin, and it have turned the hair white, and there be quick raw fleſh in the riſing;

11 It is an old leproſy in the ſkin of his fleſh, and the prieſt ſhall pronounce him unclean, and ſhall not ſhut him up: for he is unclean.

12 And if a leproſy break out abroad in the ſkin, and the leproſy cover all the ſkin of him that hath the plague from his head even to his foot, whereſoever the prieſt looketh;

13 Then the prieſt ſhall conſider: and behold, if the leproſy have covered all his fleſh, he ſhall pronounce him clean that hath the plague: it is all turned white: he is clean.

14 But when raw fleſh appeareth in him, he ſhall be unclean.

15 And the prieſt ſhall ſee the raw fleſh, and pronounce him to be unclean: for the raw fleſh is unclean: it is a leproſy.

A ſcab, or bright ſpot, ver. 2.] A wheal, or pimple, ſhining like the ſcale of a fiſh; which figured the many ſins which infect and defile the ſoul.

16 Or if the raw fleſh turn again, and be changed unto white; he ſhall come unto the prieſt:

17 And the prieſt ſhall ſee him: and behold, if the plague be turned into white; then the prieſt ſhall pronounce him clean that hath the plague: he is clean.

18 The fleſh alſo in which, even in the ſkin thereof, was a bile, and is healed,

19 And in the place of the bile there be a white riſing, or a bright ſpot white, and ſomewhat reddiſh, and it be ſhewed to the prieſt;

20 And if when the prieſt ſeeth it, behold, it be in ſight lower than the ſkin, and the hair thereof be turned white; the prieſt ſhall pronounce him unclean: it is a plague of leproſy broken out of the bile.

21 But if the prieſt look on it, and behold, there be no white hairs therein; and if it be not lower than the ſkin, but be ſomewhat dark; then the prieſt ſhall ſhut him up ſeven days:

22 And if it ſpread much abroad in the ſkin, then the prieſt ſhall pronounce him unclean: it is a plague.

23 But if the bright ſpot ſtay in his place, and ſpread not, it is a burning bile; and the prieſt ſhall pronounce him clean.

24 Or if there be any fleſh in the ſkin whereof there is a hot burning, and the quick fleſh that burneth have a white bright ſpot, ſomewhat reddiſh, or white;

25 Then the prieſt ſhall look upon it: and behold, if the hair in the bright ſpot be turned white, and it be in ſight deeper than the ſkin; it is a leproſy broken out of the burning: wherefore the prieſt ſhall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leproſy.

26 But if the prieſt look on it, and behold, there be no white hair in the bright ſpot, and it be no lower than the other ſkin, but be ſomewhat dark; then the prieſt ſhall ſhut him up ſeven days:

27 And the prieſt ſhall look upon him the ſeventh day: and if it be ſpread much abroad in the ſkin, then the prieſt ſhall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leproſy.

28 And if the bright ſpot ſtay in his place, and ſpread not in the ſkin, but it be ſomewhat dark; it is a riſing of the burning, and the prieſt ſhall pronounce him clean: for it is an inflammation of the burning.

29 If a man or woman have a plague upon the head or the beard:

30 Then the prieſt ſhall ſee the plague, and behold, if it be in ſight deeper than the ſkin; and there be in it a yellow thin hair; then the prieſt ſhall pronounce him unclean: it is a dry ſcall, even a leproſy upon the head or beard.

31 And if the prieſt look on the plague of the ſcall, and behold, it be not in ſight deeper than the ſkin, and that there is no black hair in it; then the prieſt ſhall ſhut up him that hath the plague of the ſcall ſeven days:

32 And in the ſeventh day the prieſt ſhall look on the plague: and behold, if the ſcall ſpread not, and there be in it no yellow hair, and the ſcall be not in ſight deeper than the ſkin;

Pronounce him clean, ver. 23.] To note, that though the marks of our former ſins do remain, yet if they ſpread not, *i. e.* do not reign in us, they ſhall not be imputed to us.

33 He ſhall be ſhaven, but the ſcall ſhall he not ſhave: and the prieſt ſhall ſhut up him that hath the ſcall ſeven days more:

34 And in the ſeventh day the prieſt ſhall look on the ſcall; and behold, if the ſcall be not ſpread in the ſkin, nor be in ſight deeper than the ſkin; then the prieſt ſhall pronounce him clean: and he ſhall waſh his clothes, and be clean.

35 But if the ſcall ſpread much in the ſkin after his cleanſing;

36 Then the prieſt ſhall look on him: and behold, if the ſcall be ſpread in the ſkin, the prieſt ſhall not ſeek for yellow hair; he is unclean.

37 But if the ſcall be in his ſight at a ſtay, and that there is black hair grown up therein; the ſcall is healed, he is clean: and the prieſt ſhall pronounce him clean.

38 If a man alſo or a woman have in the ſkin of their fleſh bright ſpots, even white bright ſpots;

39 Then the prieſt ſhall look: and behold, if the bright ſpots in the ſkin of their fleſh be darkiſh white; it is a freckled ſpot that groweth in the ſkin; he is clean.

40 And the man whoſe hair is fallen off his head, he is bald; yet is he clean.

41 And he that hath his hair fallen off from the part of his head toward his face, he is forehead-bald; yet is he clean.

42 And if there be in the bald head, or bald forehead, a white reddiſh ſore; it is a leproſy ſprung up in his bald head, or his bald forehead.

43 Then the prieſt ſhall look upon it: and behold, if the riſing of the ſore be white reddiſh in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the leproſy appeareth in the ſkin of the fleſh;

44 He is a leprous man, he is unclean: the prieſt ſhall pronounce him utterly unclean; his plague is in his head.

45 And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes ſhall be rent, and his head bare, and he ſhall put a covering upon his upper lip, and ſhall cry, Unclean, unclean.

46 All the days wherein the plague ſhall be in him he ſhall be defiled; he is unclean: he ſhall dwell alone; without the camp ſhall his habitation be.

47 The garment alſo that the plague of leproſy is in, whether it be a woollen garment, or a linen garment;

48 Whether it be in the warp, or woof; of linen, or of woollen; whether in a ſkin, or in any thing made of ſkin:

49 And if the plague be greeniſh or reddiſh in the garment, or in the ſkin, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of ſkin; it is a plague of leproſy, and ſhall be ſhewed unto the prieſt.

50 And the prieſt ſhall look upon the plague, and ſhut up it that hath the plague ſeven days:

51 And he ſhall look on the plague on the ſeventh day: if the plague be ſpread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in a ſkin, or in any work that is made of ſkin; the

He is clean, ver. 39.] From the leproſy; for tho' it ſpotted the ſkin, it fretted not the fleſh. God hereby ſhews himſelf merciful to the infirmities of his people, not eſteeming every ſpot in them as a malignant ſin.

plague is a fretting leproſy; it is unclean.

52 He ſhall therefore burn that garment, whether warp or woof, in woollen or in linen, or any thing of ſkin, wherein the plague is: for it is a fretting leproſy; it ſhall be burnt in the fire.

53 And if the prieſt ſhall look, and behold, the plague be not ſpread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of ſkin;

54 Then the prieſt ſhall command that they waſh the thing wherein the plague is, and he ſhall ſhut it up ſeven days more.

55 And the prieſt ſhall look on the plague, after that it is waſhed: and behold, if the plague have not changed his colour, and the plague be not ſpread; it is unclean; thou ſhalt burn it in the fire; it is fret inward, whether it be bare within or without.

56 And if the prieſt look, and behold, the plague be ſomewhat dark after the waſhing of it; then he ſhall rend it out of the garment, or out of the ſkin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof:

57 And if it appear ſtill in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of ſkin; it is a ſpreading plague: thou ſhalt burn that wherein the plague is with fire.

58 And the garment, either warp, or woof, or whatſoever thing of ſkin it be, which thou ſhalt waſh, if the plague be departed from them, then it ſhall be waſhed the ſecond time, and ſhall be clean.

59 This is the law of the plague of leproſy in a garment of woollen or linen, either in the warp, or woof, or any thing of ſkins, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

CHAP. XIV.

The rites and ſacrifices in cleanſing of the leper, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 This ſhall be the law of the leper, in the day of his cleanſing: He ſhall be brought unto the prieſt:

3 And the prieſt ſhall go forth out of the camp: and the prieſt ſhall look, and behold, if the plague of leproſy be healed in the leper;

4 Then ſhall the prieſt command to take for him that is to be cleanſed, two birds alive and clean, and cedar-wood, and ſcarlet, and hyſſop:

5 And the prieſt ſhall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen veſſel over running water:

6 As for the living bird, he ſhall take it, and the cedar-wood, and the ſcarlet, and the hyſſop, and ſhall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water.

7 And he ſhall ſprinkle upon him that is to be cleanſed from the leproſy ſeven times, and ſhall pronounce him clean, and ſhall let the living bird looſe into the open field.

8 And he that is to be cleanſed ſhall waſh his clothes, and ſhave off all his

Let the living bird looſe, ver. 7.] To note the interceſſion of Chriſt, who is gone with blood to the mercy-ſeat; and that the perſon cleanſed was now at liberty to return to his former habitation, and converſation with other men.

hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven days.

9 But it shall be on the seventh day that he shall shave all his hair off his head, and his beard, and his eye-brows, even all his hair he shall shave off: and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean.

10 And on the eighth day he shall take two he-lambs without blemish, and one ewe-lamb of the first year without blemish, and three tenth-deals of fine flour for a meat-offering, mingled with oil, and one log of oil.

11 And the priest that maketh him clean shall present the man that is to be made clean, and those things, before the Lord, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

12 And the priest shall take one he-lamb, and offer him for a trespass-offering, and the log of oil, and wave them for a wave-offering before the Lord.

13 And he shall slay the lamb in the place where he shall kill the sin-offering and the burnt-offering in the holy place: for as the sin-offering is the priest's, so is the trespass-offering: it is most holy:

14 And the priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass-offering, and the priest shall put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot:

15 And the priest shall take some of the log of oil, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand:

16 And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the Lord:

17 And of the rest of the oil that is in his hand, shall the priest put upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass-offering.

18 And the remnant of the oil that is in the priest's hand, he shall pour upon the head of him that is to be cleansed: and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the Lord.

19 And the priest shall offer the sin-offering, and make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed from his uncleanness; and afterward he shall kill the burnt-offering:

20 And the priest shall offer the burnt-offering, and the meat-offering upon the altar: and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

21 And if he be poor, and cannot get so much; then he shall take one lamb for a trespass-offering to be waved, to make an atonement for him, and one tenth-deal of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering, and a log of oil;

22 And two turtle doves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to get; and the one shall be a sin-offering, and the other a burnt-offering.

Offer him for a trespass-offering, ver. 12.] To teach them, that as sin was the cause of all diseases, so they should seek to God in Christ the cure of them.

23 And he ſhall bring them on the eighth day for his cleanſing unto the prieſt, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the Lord.

24 And the prieſt ſhall take the lamb of the treſpaſs-offering, and the log of oil, and the prieſt ſhall wave them for a wave-offering before the Lord.

25 And he ſhall kill the lamb of the treſpaſs-offering, and the prieſt ſhall take ſome of the blood of the treſpaſs-offering, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleanſed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot:

26 And the prieſt ſhall pour of the oil into the palm of his own left hand:

27 And the prieſt ſhall ſprinkle with his right finger ſome of the oil that is in his left hand ſeven times before the Lord.

28 And the prieſt ſhall put of the oil that is in his hand upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleanſed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the place of the blood of the treſpaſs-offering.

29 And the reſt of the oil that is in the prieſt's hand, he ſhall put upon the head of him that is to be cleanſed, to make an atonement for him before the Lord.

30 And he ſhall offer the one of the turtle-doves, or of the young pigeons, ſuch as he can get;

31 Even ſuch as he is able to get, the one for a ſin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, with the meat-offering: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him that is to be cleanſed before the Lord.

32 This is the law of him in whom is the plague of leproſy, whoſe hand is not able to get that which pertaineth to his cleanſing.

33 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, ſaying,

34 When ye be come into the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a poſſeſſion, and I put the plague of leproſy in a houſe of the land of your poſſeſſion;

35 And he that owneth the houſe ſhall come, and tell the prieſt, ſaying, It ſeemeth to me there is as it were a plague in the houſe:

36 Then the prieſt ſhall command that they empty the houſe, before the prieſt go into it to ſee the plague; that all that is in the houſe be not made unclean: and afterward the prieſt ſhall go in to ſee the houſe:

37 And he ſhall look on the plague, and behold, if the plague be in the walls of the houſe with hollow ſtreaks, greeniſh or reddiſh, which in ſight are lower than the wall:

38 Then the prieſt ſhall go out of the houſe to the door of the houſe, and ſhut up the houſe ſeven days:

39 And the prieſt ſhall come again the ſeventh day, and ſhall look: and behold, if the plague be ſpread in the walls of the houſe,

40 Then the prieſt ſhall command that they take away the ſtones in which the plague is, and they ſhall caſt them

into an unclean place without the city:

41 And he ſhall cauſe the houſe to be ſcraped within round about, and they ſhall pour out the duſt that they ſcrape off, without the city, into an unclean place:

42 And they ſhall take other ſtones, and put them in the place of thoſe ſtones: and he ſhall take other mortar, and ſhall plaſter the houſe.

43 And if the plague come again, and break out in the houſe, after that he hath taken away the ſtones, and after he hath ſcraped the houſe, and after it is plaſtered;

44 Then the prieſt ſhall come and look, and behold, if the plague be ſpread in the houſe, it is a fretting leproſy in the houſe; it is unclean.

45 And he ſhall break down the houſe, the ſtones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the mortar of the houſe: and he ſhall carry them forth out of the city into an unclean place.

46 Moreover, he that goeth into the houſe all the while that it is ſhut up, ſhall be unclean until the even.

47 And he that lieth in the houſe ſhall waſh his clothes: and he that eateth in the houſe ſhall waſh his clothes.

48 ¶ And if the prieſt ſhall come in, and look upon it, and behold, the plague hath not ſpread in the houſe, after the houſe was plaſtered; then the prieſt ſhall pronounce the houſe clean, becauſe the plague is healed.

49 And he ſhall take to cleanſe the houſe two birds, and cedar-wood, and ſcarlet, and hyſſop:

50 And he ſhall kill the one of the birds in an earthen veſſel, over running water.

51 And he ſhall take the cedar-wood, and the hyſſop, and the ſcarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the ſlain bird, and in the running water, and ſprinkle the houſe ſeven times.

52 And he ſhall cleanſe the houſe with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar-wood, and with the hyſſop, and with the ſcarlet:

53 But he ſhall let go the living bird out of the city into the open fields, and make an atonement for the houſe: and it ſhall be clean.

54 This is the law for all manner of plague of leproſy, and ſcall,

55 And for the leproſy of a garment, and of a houſe,

56 And for a riſing, and for a ſcab, and for a bright ſpot:

57 To teach when it is unclean, and when it is clean: this is the law of leproſy.

CHAP. XV.

Uncleanneſs by iſſues, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, and to Aaron, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, When any man hath a running iſſue out of his fleſh, becauſe of his iſſue he is unclean.

3 And this ſhall be his uncleanneſs in his iſſue: whether his fleſh run with his

Running iſſue out of his fleſh, ver. 2.] The running of the veins. This ſignifies the defiling nature of ſin, which flows from the corruption of our natures.

iſſue, or his fleſh be ſtopped from his iſſue, it is his uncleanneſs.

4 Every bed whereon he lieth that hath the iſſue, is unclean: and every thing whereon he ſitteth, ſhall be unclean.

5 And whoſoever toucheth his bed ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe himſelf in water, and be unclean until the even.

6 And he that ſitteth on any thing whereon he ſat that hath the iſſue, ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe himſelf in water, and be unclean until the even.

7 And he that toucheth the fleſh of him that hath the iſſue, ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe himſelf in water, and be unclean until the even.

8 And if he that hath the iſſue ſpit upon him that is clean; then he ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe himſelf in water, and be unclean until the even.

9 ¶ And what ſaddle ſoever he rideth upon that hath the iſſue, ſhall be unclean.

10 And whoſoever toucheth any thing that was under him, ſhall be unclean until the even: and he that beareth any of thoſe things ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe himſelf in water, and be unclean until the even.

11 And whomſoever he toucheth that hath the iſſue, (and hath not rinſed his hands in water,) he ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe himſelf in water, and be unclean until the even.

12 And the veſſel of earth that he toucheth which hath the iſſue, ſhall be broken: and every veſſel of wood ſhall be rinſed in water.

13 ¶ And when he that hath an iſſue is cleanſed of his iſſue, then he ſhall number to himſelf ſeven days for his cleanſing, and waſh his clothes, and bathe his fleſh in running water, and ſhall be clean.

14 And on the eighth day he ſhall take to him two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, and come before the Lord, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and give them unto the prieſt.

15 And the prieſt ſhall offer them, the one for a ſin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering; and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him before the Lord for his iſſue.

16 And if any man's ſeed of copulation go out from him, then he ſhall waſh all his fleſh in water, and be unclean until the even.

17 And every garment and every ſkin whereon is the ſeed of copulation, ſhall be waſhed with water, and be unclean until the even.

18 The woman alſo with whom man ſhall lie with ſeed of copulation, they ſhall both bathe themſelves in water, and be unclean until the even.

19 And if a woman have an iſſue, and her iſſue in her fleſh be blood, ſhe ſhall be put apart ſeven days: and whoſoever toucheth her, ſhall be unclean until the even.

20 And every thing that ſhe lieth upon in her ſeparation, ſhall be unclean: every thing alſo that ſhe ſitteth upon ſhall be unclean.

21 And whoſoever toucheth her bed, ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe him-

Both bathe themſelves, ver. 18.] To ſhew how apt the corruption of nature is to diſcover itſelf in that lawful act; and becauſe that original corruption is conveyed to us, in our firſt conception, by that very ſubſtance whereof we are made.

ſelf in water, and be unclean until the even.

22 And whoſoever toucheth any thing that ſhe ſat upon ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe himſelf in water, and be unclean until the even.

23 And if it be on her bed, or on any thing whereon ſhe ſitteth, when he toucheth it; he ſhall be unclean until the even.

24 And if any man lie with her at all, and her flowers be upon him, he ſhall be unclean ſeven days: and all the bed whereon he lieth, ſhall be unclean.

25 And if a woman have an iſſue of her blood many days out of the time of her ſeparation, or if it run beyond the time of her ſeparation; all the days of the iſſue of her uncleanneſs, ſhall be as the days of her ſeparation; ſhe ſhall be unclean.

26 Every bed whereon ſhe lieth all the days of her iſſue, ſhall be unto her as the bed of her ſeparation: and whatſoever ſhe ſitteth upon, ſhall be unclean, as the uncleanneſs of her ſeparation.

27 And whoſoever toucheth thoſe things ſhall be unclean, and ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe himſelf in water, and be unclean, until the even.

28 ¶ But if ſhe be cleanſed of her iſſue, then ſhe ſhall number to herſelf ſeven days, and after that ſhe ſhall be clean.

29 And on the eighth day ſhe ſhall take unto her two turtles, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the prieſt, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

30 And the prieſt ſhall offer the one for a ſin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering; and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for her before the Lord for the iſſue of her uncleanneſs.

31 Thus ſhall ye ſeparate the children of Iſrael from their uncleanneſs: that they die not in their uncleanneſs, when they defile my tabernacle that is among them.

32 This is the law of him that hath an iſſue, and of him whoſe ſeed goeth from him, and is defiled therewith;

33 And of her that is ſick of her flowers, and of him that hath an iſſue, of the man, and of the woman, and of him that lieth with her that is unclean.

CHAP. XVI.

The high prieſt's ſin-offering, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, after the death of the two ſons of Aaron, when they offered before the Lord, and died;

2 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the vail, before the mercy-ſeat which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy-ſeat.

3 Thus ſhall Aaron come into the holy place: with a young bullock for a ſin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering.

4 He ſhall put on the holy linen coat, and he ſhall have the linen breeches upon his fleſh, and ſhall be girded with

Linen coat, ver. 4.] The high prieſt's garments, for this day, were mean in compariſon with what he wore at other times; becauſe this was a day of humiliation; and alſo chiefly to repreſent Chriſt's ſtate of humiliation.

the linen girdle, and with the linen mitre ſhall he be attired: theſe are holy garments; therefore ſhall he waſh his fleſh in water, and ſo put them on.

5 And he ſhall take of the congregation of the children of Iſrael two kids of the goats for a ſin-offering, and one ram for a burnt-offering.

6 And Aaron ſhall offer his bullock of the ſin-offering, which is for himſelf, and make an atonement for himſelf, and for his houſe.

7 And he ſhall take the two goats, and preſent them before the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 And Aaron ſhall caſt lots upon the two goats; one lot for the Lord, and the other lot for the ſcape-goat.

9 And Aaron ſhall bring the goat upon which the Lord's lot fell, and offer him for a ſin-offering.

10 But the goat on which the lot fell to be the ſcape-goat, ſhall be preſented alive before the Lord, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a ſcape-goat into the wilderneſs.

11 ¶ And Aaron ſhall bring the bullock of the ſin-offering which is for himſelf, and ſhall make an atonement for himſelf, and for his houſe, and ſhall kill the bullock of the ſin-offering which is for himſelf.

12 And he ſhall take a cenſer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the Lord, and his hands full of ſweet incenſe beaten ſmall, and bring it within the vail:

13 And he ſhall put the incenſe upon the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of the incenſe may cover the mercy-ſeat that is upon the teſtimony, that he die not:

14 And he ſhall take of the blood of the bullock, and ſprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy-ſeat eaſt-ward: and before the mercy-ſeat ſhall he ſprinkle of the blood with his finger ſeven times.

15 Then ſhall he kill the goat of the ſin-offering that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and ſprinkle it upon the mercy-ſeat, and before the mercy-ſeat:

16 And he ſhall make an atonement for the holy place, becauſe of the uncleanneſs of the children of Iſrael, and becauſe of their tranſgreſſions in all their ſins, and ſo ſhall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation that remaineth among them in the midſt of their uncleanneſs.

17 And there ſhall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation, when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himſelf, and for his houſhold, and for all the congregation of Iſrael.

18 And he ſhall go out unto the altar that is before the Lord, and make an atonement for it; and ſhall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about.

19 And he ſhall ſprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger ſeven times, and cleanſe it, and hallow it from the uncleanneſs of the children of Iſrael.

Uncleanneſs of the children of Iſrael, ver. 16.] The imperfections and miſcarriages of their holy ſervices, which would have hindered the efficacy of the high prieſt's mediation on their behalf, if God had not been reconciled to them.

20 ¶ And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy place, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he ſhall bring the live goat:

21 And Aaron ſhall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confeſs over him all the iniquities of the children of Iſrael, and all their tranſgreſſions in all their ſins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and ſhall ſend him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderneſs.

22 And the goat ſhall bear upon him all their iniquities, unto a land not inhabited: and he ſhall let go the goat in the wilderneſs.

23 And Aaron ſhall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and ſhall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy place, and ſhall leave them there:

24 And he ſhall waſh his fleſh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt-offering, and the burnt-offering of the people, and make an atonement for himſelf, and for the people.

25 And the fat of the ſin-offering ſhall he burn upon the altar.

26 And he that let go the goat for the ſcape-goat ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe his fleſh in water, and afterward come into the camp.

27 And the bullock for the ſin-offering, and the goat for the ſin-offering, whoſe blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, ſhall one carry forth without the camp; and they ſhall burn in the fire their ſkins, and their fleſh, and their dung.

28 And he that burneth them ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe his fleſh in water, and afterward he ſhall come into the camp.

29 ¶ And this ſhall be a ſtatute for ever unto you: that in the ſeventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye ſhall afflict your ſouls, and do no work at all, whether it be one of your own country, or a ſtranger that ſojourneth among you:

30 For on that day ſhall the prieſt make an atonement for you, to cleanſe you, that ye may be clean from all your ſins, before the Lord.

31 It ſhall be a ſabbath of reſt unto you, and ye ſhall afflict your ſouls by a ſtatute for ever.

32 And the prieſt whom he ſhall anoint, and whom he ſhall conſecrate to miniſter in the prieſt's office in his father's ſtead, ſhall make the atonement, and ſhall put on the linen clothes, even the holy garments:

33 And he ſhall make an atonement for the holy ſanctuary, and he ſhall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar: and he ſhall make an atonement for the prieſts, and for all the people of the congregation.

34 And this ſhall be an everlaſting ſtatute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Iſrael for all their ſins once a year. And he did as the Lord commanded Moſes.

A ſabbath of reſt unto you, ver. 31.] Obſerved as a ſabbath, by ceaſing from all ſervile and worldly works, and by diligent attendance upon God's worſhip and ſervice.

CHAP. XVII.

Blood of beaſts muſt be offered at the tabernacle-door: blood forbidden.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto Aaron and unto his ſons, and unto all the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them; This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded, ſaying,

3 What man ſoever there be of the houſe of Iſrael, that killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat in the camp, or that killeth it out of the camp,

4 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer an offering unto the Lord, before the tabernacle of the Lord: blood ſhall be imputed unto that man; he hath ſhed blood; and that man ſhall be cut off from among his people:

5 To the end that the children of Iſrael may bring their ſacrifices, which they offer in the open field, even that they may bring them unto the Lord, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation unto the prieſt, and offer them for peace-offerings unto the Lord.

6 And the prieſt ſhall ſprinkle the blood upon the altar of the Lord, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and burn the fat for a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord.

7 And they ſhall no more offer their ſacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This ſhall be a ſtatute for ever unto them throughout their generations.

8 And thou ſhalt ſay unto them, Whatſoever man there be of the houſe of Iſrael, or of the ſtrangers which ſojourn among you that offereth a burnt-offering or ſacrifice,

9 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the Lord; even that man ſhall be cut off from among his people.

10 ¶ And whatſoever man there be of the houſe of Iſrael, or of the ſtrangers that ſojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even ſet my face againſt that ſoul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

11 For the life of the fleſh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your ſouls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the ſoul.

12 Therefore I ſaid unto the children of Iſrael, No ſoul of you ſhall eat blood, neither ſhall any ſtranger that ſojourneth among you eat blood.

13 And whatſoever man there be of the children of Iſrael, or of the ſtrangers that ſojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beaſt or fowl that may be eaten; he ſhall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with duſt.

14 For it is the life of all fleſh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I ſaid unto the children of Iſrael, Ye ſhall eat the blood of no manner of fleſh: for the life of all

Any manner of blood, ver. 10.] At his own table; (for as the former laws were for the ſanctifying the people in their holy things, ſo theſe that follow are for their civil converſation.) This was to keep them at a farther diſtance from ſhedding man's blood.

fleſh is the blood thereof: whoſoever eateth it ſhall be cut off.

15 And every ſoul that eateth that which died of itſelf, or that which was torn with beaſts, whether it be one of your own country, or a ſtranger, he ſhall both waſh his clothes, and bathe himſelf in water, and be unclean until the even: then ſhall he be clean.

16 But if he waſh them not, nor bathe his fleſh; then he ſhall bear his iniquity.

CHAP. XVIII.

Unlawful marriages: unlawful luſts.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, I am the Lord your God.

3 After the doings of the land of Egypt wherein ye dwelt, ſhall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, ſhall ye not do: neither ſhall ye walk in their ordinances.

4 Ye ſhall do my judgements, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the Lord your God.

5 Ye ſhall therefore keep my ſtatutes, and my judgements: which if a man do, he ſhall live in them: I am the Lord.

6 None of you ſhall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedneſs; I am the Lord.

7 The nakedneſs of thy father, or the nakedneſs of thy mother, ſhalt thou not uncover: ſhe is thy mother; thou ſhalt not uncover her nakedneſs.

8 The nakedneſs of thy father's wife ſhalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedneſs.

9 The nakedneſs of thy ſiſter, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether ſhe be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedneſs thou ſhalt not uncover.

10 The nakedneſs of thy ſon's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedneſs thou ſhalt not uncover: for their's is thine own nakedneſs.

11 The nakedneſs of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, (ſhe is thy ſiſter,) thou ſhalt not uncover her nakedneſs.

12 Thou ſhalt not uncover the nakedneſs of thy father's ſiſter: ſhe is thy father's near kinſwoman.

13 Thou ſhalt not uncover the nakedneſs of thy mother's ſiſter: for ſhe is thy mother's near kinſwoman.

14 Thou ſhalt not uncover the nakedneſs of thy father's brother, thou ſhalt not approach to his wife: ſhe is thine aunt.

15 Thou ſhalt not uncover the nakedneſs of thy daughter-in-law: ſhe is thy ſon's wife; thou ſhalt not uncover her nakedneſs.

16 Thou ſhalt not uncover the nakedneſs of thy brother's wife: it is thy brother's nakedneſs.

17 Thou ſhalt not uncover the nakedneſs of a woman and her daughter, neither ſhalt thou take her ſon's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to un-

Approach to any, &c. ver. 6.] Contract marriage with any akin unto thee in the following inſtances, and thereby have right to diſcover their nakedneſs; for he ſpeaks chiefly of marriage all along, as appears by ver. 17, 18.

cover her nakedneſs; for they are her near kinſwomen: it is wickedneſs.

18 Neither ſhalt thou take a wife to her ſiſter, to vex her, to uncover her nakedneſs, beſide the other in her life-time.

19 ¶ Alſo thou ſhalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedneſs, as long as ſhe is put apart for her uncleanneſs.

20 Moreover, thou ſhalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyſelf with her.

21 And thou ſhalt not let any of thy ſeed paſs through the fire to Molech, neither ſhalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord.

22 Thou ſhalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

23 Neither ſhalt thou lie with any beaſt to defile thyſelf therewith: neither ſhall any woman ſtand before a beaſt to lie down thereto: it is confuſion.

24 Defile not ye yourſelves in any of theſe things: for in all theſe the nations are defiled which I caſt out before you.

25 And the land is defiled: therefore I do viſit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itſelf vomiteth out her inhabitants.

26 Ye ſhall therefore keep my ſtatutes and my judgements, and ſhall not commit any of theſe abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any ſtranger that ſojourneth among you:

27 (For all theſe abominations have the men of the land done which were before you, and the land is defiled;)

28 That the land ſpue not you out alſo, when ye defile it, as it ſpued out the nations that were before you.

29 For whoſoever ſhall commit any of theſe abominations, even the ſouls that commit them ſhall be cut off from among the people.

30 Therefore ſhall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of theſe abominable cuſtoms, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourſelves therein: I am the Lord your God.

CHAP. XIX.

A repetition of ſundry laws.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, Ye ſhall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy.

3 Ye ſhall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my ſabbaths: I am the Lord your God.

4 Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourſelves molten gods: I am the Lord your God.

5 And if ye offer a ſacrifice of peace-offerings unto the Lord, ye ſhall offer it at your own will.

6 It ſhall be eaten the ſame day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if aught remain until the third day, it ſhall be burnt in the fire.

7 And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it is abominable; it ſhall not be accepted.

The nations are defiled, ver. 24.] Therefore theſe laws did not only oblige the Jews, but all other nations; and the ſins here forbidden were ſuch as were againſt the law and light of nature.

8 Therefore every one that eateth it ſhall bear his iniquity, becauſe he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the Lord: and that ſoul ſhall be cut off from among his people.

9 And when ye reap the harveſt of your land, thou ſhalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither ſhalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harveſt.

10 And thou ſhalt not glean thy vineyard, neither ſhalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou ſhalt leave them for the poor and ſtranger: I am the Lord your God.

11 Ye ſhall not ſteal, neither deal falſly, neither lie one to another.

12 And ye ſhall not ſwear by my name falſly, neither ſhalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord.

13 Thou ſhalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired, ſhall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

14 Thou ſhalt not curſe the deaf, nor put a ſtumbling block before the blind, but ſhalt fear thy God: I am the Lord.

15 Ye ſhall do no unrighteouſneſs in judgement: thou ſhalt not reſpect the perſon of the poor, nor honour the perſon of the mighty: but in righteouſneſs ſhalt thou judge thy neighbour.

16 Thou ſhalt not go up and down as a tale-bearer among thy people: neither ſhalt thou ſtand againſt the blood of thy neighbour: I am the Lord.

17 Thou ſhalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou ſhalt in any wiſe rebuke thy neighbour, and not ſuffer ſin upon him.

18 Thou ſhalt not avenge nor bear any grudge againſt the children of thy people, but thou ſhalt love thy neighbour as thyſelf: I am the Lord.

19 Ye ſhall keep my ſtatutes. Thou ſhalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverſe kind: thou ſhalt not ſow thy field with mingled ſeed: neither ſhall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.

20 And whoſoever lieth carnally with a woman that is a bond-maid betrothed to an huſband, and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her; ſhe ſhall be ſcourged: they ſhall not be put to death, becauſe ſhe was not free.

21 And he ſhall bring his treſpaſs-offering unto the Lord, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, even a ram for a treſpaſs-offering.

22 And the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him with the ram of the treſpaſs-offering before the Lord, for his ſin which he hath done: and the ſin which he hath done ſhall be forgiven him.

23 And when ye ſhall come into the land, and ſhall have planted all manner of trees for food; then ye ſhall count the fruit thereof as uncircumciſed: three years ſhall it be as uncircumciſed unto you: it ſhall not be eaten of.

24 But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof ſhall be holy, to praiſe the Lord withal.

25 And in the fifth year ſhall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increaſe thereof: I am the Lord your God.

Thou ſhalt not reſpect the perſon, ver. 15.] Not regard the qualification or condition of men's perſons, but the merits of the cauſe.

26 Ye ſhall not eat any thing with the blood: neither ſhall ye uſe inchantment, nor obſerve times.

27 Ye ſhall not round the corners of your heads, neither ſhalt thou marr the corners of thy beard.

28 Ye ſhall not make any cuttings in your fleſh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the Lord.

29 Do not proſtitute thy daughter to cauſe her to be a whore; leſt the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedneſs.

30 Ye ſhall keep my ſabbaths, and reverence my ſanctuary: I am the Lord.

31 Regard not them that have familiar ſpirits, neither ſeek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.

32 Thou ſhalt riſe up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord.

33 And if a ſtranger ſojourn with thee in your land, ye ſhall not vex him.

34 But the ſtranger that dwelleth with you, ſhall be unto you as one born among you, and thou ſhalt love him as thyſelf; for ye were ſtrangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

35 Ye ſhall do no unrighteouſneſs in judgement, in mete-yard, in weight, or in meaſure.

36 Juſt balances, juſt weights, a juſt ephah, and a juſt hin ſhall ye have: I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.

37 Therefore ſhall ye obſerve all my ſtatutes, and all my judgements, and do them: I am the Lord.

CHAP. XX.

Of giving ſeed to Molech, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Again thou ſhalt ſay to the children of Iſrael, Whoſoever he be of the children of Iſrael, or of the ſtrangers that ſojourn in Iſrael, that giveth any of his ſeed unto Molech; he ſhall ſurely be put to death: the people of the land ſhall ſtone him with ſtones.

3 And I will ſet my face againſt that man, and will cut him off from among his people; becauſe he hath given of his ſeed unto Molech, to defile my ſanctuary, and to profane my holy name.

4 And if the people of the land do any ways hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth of his ſeed unto Molech, and kill him not:

5 Then I will ſet my face againſt that man, and againſt his family, and will cut him off, and all that go a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people.

6 ¶ And the ſoul that turneth after ſuch as have familiar ſpirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even ſet my face againſt that ſoul, and will cut him off from among his people.

7 Sanctify yourſelves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God.

8 And ye ſhall keep my ſtatutes, and do them: I am the Lord which ſanctify you.

Seek after wizards, ver. 31.] Such who by any ſuperſtitious or forbidden ways undertake the diſcovery of ſecret things: ſo called from the knowledge which they pretend to have.

9 ¶ For every one that curſeth his father or his mother ſhall be ſurely put to death: he hath curſed his father or his mother; his blood ſhall be upon him.

10 And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adultereſs ſhall ſurely be put to death.

11 And the man that lieth with his father's wife, hath uncovered his father's nakedneſs: both of them ſhall ſurely be put to death; their blood ſhall be upon them.

12 And if a man lie with his daughter-in-law, both of them ſhall ſurely be put to death: they have wrought confuſion: their blood ſhall be upon them.

13 If a man alſo lie with mankind as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they ſhall ſurely be put to death; their blood ſhall be upon them.

14 And if a man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedneſs: they ſhall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedneſs among you.

15 And if a man lie with a beaſt, he ſhall ſurely be put to death: and ye ſhall ſlay the beaſt.

16 And if a woman approach unto any beaſt, and lie down thereto, thou ſhalt kill the woman, and the beaſt: they ſhall ſurely be put to death; their blood ſhall be upon them.

17 And if a man ſhall take his ſiſter, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and ſee her nakedneſs, and ſhe ſee his nakedneſs: it is a wicked thing: and they ſhall be cut off in the ſight of their people: he hath uncovered his ſiſter's nakedneſs; he ſhall bear his iniquity.

18 And if a man ſhall lie with a woman having her ſickneſs, and ſhall uncover her nakedneſs; he hath diſcovered her fountain, and ſhe hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them ſhall be cut off from among their people.

19 And thou ſhalt not uncover the nakedneſs of thy mother's ſiſter, nor of thy father's ſiſter: for he uncovereth his near kin: they ſhall bear their iniquity.

20 And if a man ſhall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedneſs: they ſhall bear their ſin; they ſhall die childleſs.

21 And if a man ſhall take his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brother's nakedneſs, they ſhall be childleſs.

22 Ye ſhall therefore keep all my ſtatutes, and all my judgements, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, ſpue you not out.

23 And ye ſhall not walk in the manners of the nation which I caſt out before you: for they committed all theſe things, and therefore I abhorred them.

24 But I have ſaid unto you, Ye ſhall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to poſſeſs it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am the Lord your God, which have ſeparated you from other people.

25 Ye ſhall therefore put difference between clean beaſts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean: and

Cut off from among their people, ver. 18.] By the hand of God, for preſumptuous doing againſt this law; or, if it were known, ſhe was beaten by the magiſtrate.

ye ſhall not make your ſouls abominable by beaſt or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have ſeparated from you as unclean.

26 And ye ſhall be holy unto me: for I the Lord am holy, and have ſevered you from other people, that ye ſhould be mine.

27 A man alſo or woman that hath a familiar ſpirit, or that is a wizard, ſhall ſurely be put to death: they ſhall ſtone them with ſtones: their blood ſhall be upon them.

CHAP. XXI.

Of the prieſt s' mourning, &c.

AND the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Speak unto the prieſts the ſons of Aaron, and ſay unto them, There ſhall none be defiled for the dead among his people:

2 But for his kin, that is near unto him, that is, for his mother, and for his father, and for his ſon, and for his daughter, and for his brother,

3 And for his ſiſter a virgin, that is nigh unto him, which hath had no huſband; for her may he be defiled.

4 But he ſhall not defile himſelf, being a chief man among his people, to profane himſelf.

5 They ſhall not make baldneſs upon their head, neither ſhall they ſhave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their fleſh.

6 They ſhall be holy unto their God, and not profane the name of their God: for the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and the bread of their God they do offer: therefore they ſhall be holy.

7 ¶ They ſhall not take a wife that is a whore, or profane; neither ſhall they take a woman put away from her huſband: for he is holy unto his God.

8 Thou ſhalt ſanctify him therefore; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he ſhall be holy unto thee: for I the Lord, which ſanctify you, am holy.

9 And the daughter of any prieſt, if ſhe profane herſelf by playing the whore, ſhe profaneth her father: ſhe ſhall be burnt with fire.

10 And he that is the high prieſt among his brethren, upon whoſe head the anointing oil was poured, and that is conſecrated to put on the garments, ſhall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes.

11 Neither ſhall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himſelf for his father, or for his mother;

12 Neither ſhall he go out of the ſanctuary, nor profane the ſanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the Lord.

13 And he ſhall take a wife in her virginity.

14 A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, theſe ſhall he not take: but he ſhall take a virgin of his own people to wife.

15 Neither ſhall he profane his ſeed among his people: for I the Lord do ſanctify him.

16 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

None be defiled for the dead, ver. 1.] That they might not be hindered from the exerciſe of their function; and to teach them, that a greater degree of holineſs is required in them than in others.

17 Speak unto Aaron, ſaying, Whoſoever he be of thy ſeed in their generations that hath any blemiſh, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God.

18 For whatſoever man he be that hath a blemiſh, he ſhall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat noſe, or any thing ſuperfluous,

19 Or a man that is broken-footed, or broken-handed,

20 Or crook-backed, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemiſh in his eye, or be ſcurvy, or ſcabbed, or hath his ſtones broken;

21 No man that hath a blemiſh, of the ſeed of Aaron the prieſt, ſhall come nigh to offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire: he hath a blemiſh; he ſhall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God.

22 He ſhall eat the bread of his God, both of the moſt holy, and of the holy.

23 Only he ſhall not go in unto the vail, or come nigh unto the altar, becauſe he hath a blemiſh; that he profane not my ſanctuaries: for I the Lord do ſanctify them.

24 And Moſes told it unto Aaron, and to his ſons, and unto all the children of Iſrael.

CHAP. XXII.

The prieſts when to abſtain from holy things.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and to his ſons, that they ſeparate themſelves from the holy things of the children of Iſrael, and that they profane not my holy name, in thoſe things which they hallow unto me: I am the Lord.

3 Say unto them, Whoſoever he be of all your ſeed among your generations, that goeth unto the holy things, which the children of Iſrael hallow unto the Lord, having his uncleanneſs upon him, that ſoul ſhall be cut off from my preſence: I am the Lord.

4 What man ſoever of the ſeed of Aaron is a leper, or hath a running iſſue; he ſhall not eat of the holy things, until he be clean. And whoſo toucheth any thing that is unclean by the dead, or a man whoſe ſeed goeth from him;

5 Or whoſoever toucheth any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may take uncleanneſs, whatſoever uncleanneſs he hath;

6 The ſoul which hath touched any ſuch ſhall be unclean until even, and ſhall not eat of the holy things, unleſs he waſh his fleſh with water.

7 And when the ſun is down, he ſhall be clean, and ſhall afterward eat of the holy things; becauſe it is his food.

8 That which dieth of itſelf, or is torn with beaſts, he ſhall not eat, to defile himſelf therewith: I am the Lord.

9 They ſhall therefore keep mine ordinance, leſt they bear ſin for it, and die therefore, if they profane it: I the Lord do ſanctify them.

10 There ſhall no ſtranger eat of the holy thing: a ſojourner of the prieſt,

Unto all the children of Iſrael, ver. 24.] Becauſe as it concerns the prieſts to take heed that they ſinned not in their miniſtration, ſo the people were to look that no diſallowable perſon ſerved in the ſanctuary.

or an hired ſervant ſhall not eat of the holy thing.

11 But if the prieſt buy any ſoul with his money, he ſhall eat of it, and he that is born in his houſe: they ſhall eat of his meat.

12 If the prieſt's daughter alſo be married unto a ſtranger, ſhe may not eat of an offering of the holy things.

13 But if the prieſt's daughter be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and is returned unto her father's houſe, as in her youth, ſhe ſhall eat of her father's meat: but there ſhall no ſtranger eat thereof.

14 And if a man eat of the holy thing unwittingly, then he ſhall put the fifth part thereof unto it, and ſhall give it unto the prieſt, with the holy thing.

15 And they ſhall not profane the holy things of the children of Iſraél, which they offer unto the Lord;

16 Or ſuffer them to bear the iniquity of treſpaſs, when they eat their holy things: for I the Lord do ſanctify them.

17 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

18 Speak unto Aaron and to his ſons, and unto all the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, Whatſoever he be of the houſe of Iſrael, or of the ſtrangers in Iſrael, that will offer his oblation for all his vows, and for all his free-will-offerings, which they will offer unto the Lord for a burnt-offering;

19 Ye ſhall offer at your own will a male without blemiſh of the beeves, of the ſheep, or of the goats.

20 But whatſoever hath a blemiſh, that ſhall ye not offer: for it ſhall not be acceptable for you.

21 And whoſoever offereth a ſacrifice of peace-offerings unto the Lord to accompliſh his vow, or a free-will-offering in beeves, or ſheep, it ſhall be perfect, to be accepted; there ſhall be no blemiſh therein.

22 Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or ſcurvy, or ſcabbed, ye ſhall not offer theſe unto the Lord, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto the Lord.

23 Either a bullock or a lamb that hath any thing ſuperfluous or lacking in his parts, that mayeſt thou offer for a free-will-offering; but for a vow it ſhall not be accepted.

24 Ye ſhall not offer unto the Lord that which is bruiſed, or cruſhed, or broken, or cut; neither ſhall ye make any offering thereof in your land.

25 Neither from a ſtranger's hand ſhall ye offer the bread of your God of any of theſe; becauſe their corruption is in them, and blemiſhes be in them: they ſhall not be accepted for you.

26 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

27 When a bullock, or a ſheep, or a goat is brought forth, then it ſhall be ſeven days under the dam; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it ſhall be accepted for an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

28 And whether it be cow or ewe, ye ſhall not kill it and her young both in one day.

Or ſuffer them to bear the iniquity, &c. ver. 16.] The prieſts ſhall not ſuffer thepeo ple to incur any guilt in theſe reſpects.

29 And when ye will offer a ſacrifice of thankſgiving unto the Lord, offer it at your own will.

30 On the ſame day it ſhall be eaten up; ye ſhall leave none of it until the morrow: I am the Lord.

31 Therefore ſhall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am the Lord.

32 Neither ſhall ye profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Iſrael: I am the Lord which hallow you;

33 That brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the Lord.

CHAP. XXIII.

Of ſundry feaſts.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, Concerning the feaſts of the Lord, which ye ſhall proclaim to be holy convocations, even theſe are my feaſts.

3 Six days ſhall work be done: but the ſeventh day is the ſabbath of reſt, an holy convocation; ye ſhall do no work therein: it is the ſabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.

4 Theſe are the feaſts of the Lord, even holy convocations, which ye ſhall proclaim in their ſeaſons.

5 In the fourteenth day of the firſt month at even is the Lord's paſſover.

6 And on the fifteenth day of the ſame month is the feaſt of unleavened bread unto the Lord: ſeven days ye muſt eat unleavened bread.

7 In the firſt day ye ſhall have an holy convocation: ye ſhall do no ſervile work therein.

8 But ye ſhall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord ſeven days: in the ſeventh day is an holy convocation: ye ſhall do no ſervile work therein.

9 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

10 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and ſhall reap the harveſt thereof, then ye ſhall bring a ſheaf of the firſt-fruits of your harveſt unto the prieſt:

11 And he ſhall wave the ſheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you on the morrow after the ſabbath the prieſt ſhall wave it.

12 And ye ſhall offer that day, when ye wave the ſheaf, an he-lamb without blemiſh of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering unto the Lord.

13 And the meat-offering thereof ſhall be two tenth-deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the Lord for a ſweet ſavour: and the drink-offering thereof ſhall be of wine, the fourth part of an hin.

14 And ye ſhall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the ſelf-ſame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God. It ſhall be a ſtatute for ever throughout your generations, in all your dwellings.

15 And ye ſhall count unto you from the morrow after the ſabbath,

I will be hallowed among the children of Iſrael, ver. 32.] Acknowledged and declared to be that God who puniſhes tranſgreſſors, and rewards well-doers.

from the day that ye brought the ſheaf of the wave-offering; ſeven ſabbaths ſhall be complete:

16 Even unto the morrow after the ſeventh ſabbath ſhall ye number fifty days; and ye ſhall offer a new meat-offering unto the Lord.

17 Ye ſhall bring out of your habitations two wave-loaves, of two tenth-deals: they ſhall be of fine flour; they ſhall be baken with leaven; they are the firſt-fruits unto the Lord.

18 And ye ſhall offer with the bread ſeven lambs without blemiſh, of the firſt year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they ſhall be for a burnt-offering unto the Lord, with their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, even an offering made by fire of ſweet ſavour unto the Lord.

19 Then ye ſhall ſacrifice one kid of the goats for a ſin-offering, and two lambs of the firſt year for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings.

20 And the prieſt ſhall wave them with the bread of the firſt-fruits for a wave-offering before the Lord, with the two lambs: they ſhall be holy to the Lord for the prieſt.

21 And ye ſhall proclaim on the ſelf-ſame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye ſhall do no ſervile work therein. It ſhall be a ſtatute for ever in all your dwellings, throughout your generations.

22 And when ye reap the harveſt of your land, thou ſhalt not make clean ridance of the corners of thy field when thou reapeſt, neither ſhalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harveſt: thou ſhalt leave them unto the poor, and to the ſtranger; I am the Lord your God.

23 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

24 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, In the ſeventh month, in the firſt day of the month, ſhall ye have a ſabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.

25 Ye ſhall do no ſervile work therein: but ye ſhall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

26 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

27 Alſo on the tenth day of the ſeventh month there ſhall be a day of atonement: it ſhall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye ſhall afflict your ſouls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

28 And ye ſhall do no work in that ſame day, for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the Lord your God.

29 For whatſoever ſoul it be that ſhall not be afflicted in that ſame day, he ſhall be cut off from among his people.

30 And whatſoever ſoul it be that doeth any work in that ſame day, the ſame ſoul will I deſtroy from among his people.

31 Ye ſhall do no manner of work: it ſhall be a ſtatute for ever throughout your generations, in all your dwellings.

32 It ſhall be unto you a ſabbath of reſt, and ye ſhall afflict your ſouls: in the ninth day of the month at even,

Baken with leaven, ver. 17.] Theſe were wholly for the prieſt's food, and therefore allowed to be leavened; whereas when any part was to be burnt upon the altar, there muſt be no leaven.

from even unto even ſhall ye celebrate your ſabbath.

33 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

34 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, The fifteenth day of this ſeventh month ſhall be the feaſt of tabernacles for ſeven days unto the Lord.

35 On the firſt day ſhall be an holy convocation: ye ſhall do no ſervile work therein.

36 Seven days ye ſhall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord: on the eighth day ſhall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye ſhall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord: it is a ſolemn aſſembly; and ye ſhall do no ſervile work therein.

37 Theſe are the feaſts of the Lord, which ye ſhall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord, a burnt-offering, and a meat-offering, a ſacrifice, and drink-offerings, every thing upon his day:

38 Beſide the ſabbaths of the Lord, and beſide your gifts, and beſide all your vows, and beſide all your free-will-offerings which ye give unto the Lord.

39 Alſo in the fifteenth day of the ſeventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye ſhall keep a feaſt unto the Lord ſeven days: on the firſt day ſhall be a ſabbath, and on the eighth day ſhall be a ſabbath.

40 And ye ſhall take you on the firſt day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm-trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye ſhall rejoice before the Lord your God ſeven days.

41 And ye ſhall keep it a feaſt unto the Lord ſeven days in the year: it ſhall be a ſtatute for ever in your generations: ye ſhall celebrate it in the ſeventh month.

42 Ye ſhall dwell in booths ſeven days; all that are Iſraelites born ſhall dwell in booths:

43 That your generations may know, that I made the children of Iſrael to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

44 And Moſes declared unto the children of Iſrael the feaſts of the Lord.

CHAP. XXIV.

Shelomith's ſon blaſphemeth, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Command the children of Iſrael, that they bring unto thee pure oil-olive beaten for the light, to cauſe the lamps to burn continually.

3 Without the vail of the teſtimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, ſhall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the Lord continually: it ſhall be a ſtatute for ever in your generations.

4 He ſhall order the lamps upon the pure candleſtick before the Lord continually.

5 And thou ſhalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth-deals ſhall be in one cake.

Rejoice before the Lord, ver. 40.] With ſpiritual joy, in remembrance of former deliverances, and for your preſent bleſſings, and in expectation of future good things to be beſtowed in Chriſt.

6 And thou ſhalt ſet them in two rows, ſix on a row, upon the pure table, before the Lord.

7 And thou ſhalt put pure frankincenſe upon each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, even an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

8 Every ſabbath he ſhall ſet it in order before the Lord continually, being taken from the children of Iſrael by an everlaſting covenant.

9 And it ſhall be Aaron's and his ſons; and they ſhall eat it in the holy place: for it is moſt holy unto him, of the offerings of the Lord made by fire, by a perpetual ſtatute.

10 ¶ And the ſon of an Iſraelitiſh woman, whoſe father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Iſrael: and this ſon of the Iſraelitiſh woman, and a man of Iſrael ſtrove together in the camp:

11 And the Iſraelitiſh woman's ſon blaſphemed the name of the Lord, and curſed. And they brought him unto Moſes (and his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan:)

12 And they put him in ward, that the mind of the Lord might be ſhewed them.

13 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

14 Bring forth him that hath curſed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation ſtone him.

15 And thou ſhalt ſpeak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, Whoſoever curſeth his God ſhall bear his ſin.

16 And he that blaſphemeth the name of the Lord, he ſhall ſurely be put to death, and all the congregation ſhall certainly ſtone him: as well the ſtranger as he that is born in the land, when he blaſphemeth the name of the Lord, ſhall be put to death.

17 ¶ And he that killeth any man ſhall ſurely be put to death.

18 ¶ And he that killeth a beaſt ſhall make it good; beaſt for beaſt.

19 And if a man cauſe a blemiſh in his neighbour; as he hath done, ſo ſhall it be done to him;

20 Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath cauſed a blemiſh in a man, ſo ſhall it be done to him again.

21 And he that killeth a beaſt, he ſhall reſtore it: and he that killeth a man, he ſhall be put to death.

22 Ye ſhall have one manner of law, as well for the ſtranger, as for one of your own country: for I am the Lord your God.

23 ¶ And Moſes ſpake to the children of Iſrael, that they ſhould bring forth him that had curſed out of the camp, and ſtone him with ſtones. And the children of Iſrael did as the Lord commanded Moſes.

CHAP. XXV.

The Jubilee: of oppreſſion, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes in mount Sinai, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, When ye come into

Eat it in the holy place, ver. 9.] After it had ſtood a week upon the table before the Lord: ſignifying, that none have a right to Chriſt, but ſpiritual prieſts.

the land which I give you, then ſhall the land keep a ſabbath unto the Lord.

3 Six years thou ſhalt ſow thy field, and ſix years thou ſhalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof;

4 But in the ſeventh year ſhall be a ſabbath of reſt unto the land, a ſabbath for the Lord: thou ſhalt neither ſow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

5 That which groweth of its own accord of thy harveſt, thou ſhalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undreſſed: for it is a year of reſt unto the land.

6 And the ſabbath of the land ſhall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy ſervant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired ſervant, and for thy ſtranger that ſojourneth with thee,

7 And for thy cattle, and for the beaſt that are in thy land, ſhall all the increaſe thereof be meat.

8 ¶ And thou ſhalt number ſeven ſabbaths of years unto thee, ſeven times ſeven years; and the ſpace of the ſeven ſabbaths of years ſhall be unto thee forty and nine years.

9 Then ſhalt thou cauſe the trumpet of the jubilee to ſound, on the tenth day of the ſeventh month, in the day of atonement ſhall ye make the trumpet ſound throughout all your land.

10 And ye ſhall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it ſhall be a jubilee unto you; and ye ſhall return every man unto his poſſeſſion, and ye ſhall return every man unto his family.

11 A jubilee ſhall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye ſhall not ſow, neither reap that which groweth of itſelf in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undreſſed.

12 For it is the jubilee; it ſhall be holy unto you: ye ſhall eat the increaſe thereof out of the field.

13 In the year of this jubilee ye ſhall return every man unto his poſſeſſion.

14 ¶ And if thou ſell aught unto thy neighbour, or buyeſt aught of thy neighbour's hand, ye ſhall not oppreſs one another:

15 According to the number of years after the jubilee thou ſhalt buy of thy neighbour, and according unto the number of years of the fruits he ſhall ſell unto thee:

16 According to the multitude of years thou ſhalt increaſe the price thereof, and according to the fewneſs of years thou ſhalt diminiſh the price of it: for according to the number of the years of the fruits doth he ſell unto thee:

17 Ye ſhall not therefore oppreſs one another; but thou ſhalt fear thy God: for I am the Lord your God.

18 Wherefore ye ſhall do my ſtatutes, and keep my judgements, and do them; and ye ſhall dwell in the land in ſafety.

19 And the land ſhall yield her fruit, and ye ſhall eat your fill, and dwell therein in ſafety.

20 And if ye ſhall ſay, What ſhall we eat the ſeventh year? behold, we ſhall not ſow, nor gather in our increaſe:

21 Then I will command my bleſſing upon you in the ſixth year, and it ſhall bring forth fruit for three years.

Unto his poſſeſſion, ver. 10.] To prevent the confuſion of the tribes, by the alienation of their lands; that the rich might not ſwallow up the inheritance of their poor brethren; and, that they might ſtill look upon themſelves as ſojourners in God's land.

22 And ye ſhall ſow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye ſhall eat of the old ſtore.

23 The land ſhall not be ſold for ever: for the land is mine: for ye are ſtrangers and ſojourners with me.

24 And in all the land of your poſſeſſion ye ſhall grant a redemption for the land.

25 If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath ſold away ſome of his poſſeſſion, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then ſhall he redeem that which his brother ſold.

26 And if the man have none to redeem it, and himſelf be able to redeem it;

27 Then let him count the years of the ſale thereof, and reſtore the overplus unto the man to whom he ſold it; that he may return unto his poſſeſſion.

28 But if he be not able to reſtore it to him, then that which is ſold ſhall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it until the year of jubilee: and in the jubilee it ſhall go out, and he ſhall return unto his poſſeſſion.

29 And if a man ſell a dwelling-houſe in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is ſold; within a full year may he redeem it.

30 And if it be not redeemed within the ſpace of a full year, then the houſe that is in the walled city ſhall be eſtabliſhed for ever to him that bought it, throughout his generations: it ſhall not go out in the jubilee.

31 But the houſes of the villages which have no wall round about them, ſhall be counted as the fields of the country: they may be redeemed, and they ſhall go out in the jubilee.

32 Notwithſtanding the cities of the Levites, and the houſes of the cities of their poſſeſſion, may the Levites redeem at any time.

33 And if a man purchaſe of the Levites, then the houſe that was ſold, and the city of his poſſeſſion ſhall go out in the year of jubilee: for the houſes of the cities of the Levites are their poſſeſſion among the children of Iſrael.

34 But the field of the ſuburbs of their cities may not be ſold: for it is their perpetual poſſeſſion.

35 ¶ And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou ſhalt relieve him: yea, though he be a ſtranger, or a ſojourner; that he may live with thee.

36 Take thou no uſury of him, or increaſe: but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee.

37 Thou ſhalt not give him thy money upon uſury, nor lend him thy victuals for increaſe.

38 I am the Lord your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

39 And if thy brother that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor, and be ſold unto thee; thou ſhalt not compel him to ſerve as a bond-ſervant:

40 But as an hired-ſervant, and as a journer, he ſhall be with thee; and ſhall ſerve thee unto the year of jubilee:

The land is mine, ver. 23.] In a more eſpecial manner, being ſanctified to be the inheritance of his Church here on earth, and a figure of the inheritance of the Saints in heaven, and could not, therefore, be alienated from them.

41 And then ſhall he depart from thee, both he and his children with him, and ſhall return unto his own family, and unto the poſſeſſion of his fathers ſhall he return.

42 For they are my ſervants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they ſhall not be ſold as bond-men.

43 Thou ſhalt not rule over him with rigour, but ſhalt fear thy God.

44 Both thy bond-men, and thy bond-maids, which thou ſhalt have, ſhall be of the heathen that are round about you; of them ſhall ye buy bond-men and bond-maids.

45 Moreover, of the children of the ſtrangers that do ſojourn among you, of them ſhall ye buy, and of their families that are with you, which they begat in your land: and they ſhall be your poſſeſſion.

46 And ye ſhall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them for a poſſeſſion; they ſhall be your bond-men for ever; but over your brethren the children of Iſrael, ye ſhall not rule one over another with rigour.

47 ¶ And if a ſojourner or ſtranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother that dwelleth by him wax poor, and ſell himſelf unto the ſtranger or ſojourner by thee, or to the ſtock of the ſtranger's family:

48 After that he is ſold, he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him:

49 Either his uncle, or his uncle's ſon may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin unto him, of his family, may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himſelf.

50 And he ſhall reckon with him that bought him, from the year that he was ſold to him, unto the year of jubilee: and the price of his ſale ſhall be according unto the number of years, according to the time of an hired ſervant ſhall it be with him.

51 If there be yet many years behind, according unto them he ſhall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for.

52 And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubilee, then he ſhall count with him, and according unto his years ſhall he give him again the price of his redemption.

53 And as a yearly hired ſervant ſhall he be with him: and the other ſhall not rule with rigour over him in thy ſight.

54 And if he be not redeemed in theſe years, then he ſhall go out in the year of jubilee, both he and his children with him.

55 For unto me the children of Iſrael are ſervants; they are my ſervants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

CHAP. XXVI.

Of idolatry, &c.

YE ſhall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a ſtanding image, neither ſhall ye ſet up any image of ſtone in your land, to bow

For they are my ſervants, ver. 42.] Members of my Church as well as yourſelves; and therefore not to be treated like ſlaves.

down unto it: for I am the Lord your God.

2 Ye ſhall keep my ſabbaths and reverence my ſanctuary: I am the Lord.

3 ¶ If ye walk in my ſtatutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

4 Then I will give you rain in due ſeaſon, and the land ſhall yield her increaſe, and the trees of the field ſhall yield their fruit.

5 And your threſhing ſhall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage ſhall reach unto the ſowing-time: and ye ſhall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land ſafely.

6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye ſhall lie down, and none ſhall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beaſts out of the land, neither ſhall the ſword go through your land.

7 And ye ſhall chaſe your enemies, and they ſhall fall before you by the ſword.

8 And five of you ſhall chaſe an hundred, and an hundred of you ſhall put ten thouſand to flight; and your enemies ſhall fall before you by the ſword.

9 For I will have reſpect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and eſtabliſh my covenant with you.

10 And ye ſhall eat old ſtore, and bring forth the old becauſe of the new.

11 And I will ſet my tabernacle among you: and my ſoul ſhall not abhor you.

12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye ſhall be my people.

13 I am the Lord your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye ſhould not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.

14 ¶ But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all theſe commandments;

15 And if ye ſhall deſpiſe my ſtatutes, or if your ſoul abhor my judgements, ſo that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant:

16 I alſo will do this unto you, I will even appoint over you terror, conſumption, and the burning ague; that ſhall conſume the eyes, and cauſe ſorrow of heart: and ye ſhall ſow your ſeed in vain; for your enemies ſhall eat it.

17 And I will ſet my face againſt you, and ye ſhall be ſlain before your enemies; they that hate you ſhall reign over you; and ye ſhall flee when none purſueth you.

18 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will puniſh you ſeven times more for your ſins.

19 And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as braſs:

20 And your ſtrength ſhall be ſpent in vain: for your land ſhall not yield her increaſe, neither ſhall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

21 And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring ſeven times more plagues upon you, according to your ſins.

Reach unto the vintage, &c. ver. 5.] You ſhall have ſuch a plentiful harveſt, that before you can have threſhed out your corn, the vintage ſhall come; and ſuch a rich vintage, that before that be ended it ſhall be time to ſow your ſeed.

22 I will alſo ſend wild beaſts among you, which ſhall rob you of your children, and deſtroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your highways ſhall be deſolate.

23 And if ye will not be reformed by me by theſe things, but will walk contrary unto me;

24 Then will I alſo walk contrary unto you, and will puniſh you yet ſeven times for your ſins.

25 And I will bring a ſword upon you, that ſhall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will ſend the peſtilence among you; and ye ſhall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

26 And when I have broken the ſtaff of your bread, ten women ſhall bake your bread in one oven, and they ſhall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye ſhall eat, and not be ſatisfied.

27 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;

28 Then I will walk contrary unto you alſo in fury; and I, even I, will chaſtiſe you ſeven times for your ſins.

29 And ye ſhall eat the fleſh of your ſons, and the fleſh of your daughters ſhall ye eat.

30 And I will deſtroy your high places, and cut down your images, and caſt your carcaſſes upon the carcaſſes of your idols, and my ſoul ſhall abhor you.

31 And I will make your cities waſte, and bring your ſanctuaries unto deſolation; and I will not ſmell the ſavour of your ſweet odours.

32 And I will bring the land into deſolation; and your enemies which dwell therein ſhall be aſtoniſhed at it.

33 And I will ſcatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a ſword after you: and your land ſhall be deſolate, and your cities waſte.

34 Then ſhall the land enjoy her ſabbaths, as long as it lieth deſolate, and ye be in your enemies' land; even then ſhall the land reſt and enjoy her ſabbaths.

35 As long as it lieth deſolate, it ſhall reſt; becauſe it did not reſt in your ſabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.

36 And upon them that are left alive of you, I will ſend a faintneſs into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the ſound of a ſhaken leaf ſhall chaſe them; and they ſhall flee, as fleeing from a ſword; and they ſhall fall, when none purſueth.

37 And they ſhall fall one upon another, as it were before a ſword, when none purſueth: and ye ſhall have no power to ſtand before your enemies.

38 And ye ſhall periſh among the heathen, and the land of your enemies ſhall eat you up.

39 And they that are left of you ſhall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and alſo in the iniquities of their fathers ſhall they pine away with them.

40 If they ſhall confeſs their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, with their treſpaſs which they treſpaſſed againſt me, and that alſo they have walked contrary unto me;

High places, ver. 30.] Erected on a hill whereon fair-ſpreading trees grew, under which they ſet up chapels and altars, which were uſed by idolaters, where they aſſembled for worſhip and ſacrifice.

41 And that I alſo have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumciſed hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the puniſhment of their iniquity;

42 Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and alſo my covenant with Iſaac, and alſo my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

43 The land alſo ſhall be left of them, and ſhall enjoy her ſabbaths, while ſhe lieth deſolate without them: and they ſhall accept of the puniſhment of their iniquity: becauſe, even becauſe they deſpiſed my judgements, and becauſe their ſoul abhorred my ſtatutes.

44 And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not caſt them away, neither will I abhor them, to deſtroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the Lord their God.

45 But I will for their ſakes remember the covenant of their anceſtors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the ſight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the Lord.

46 Theſe are the ſtatutes and judgements, and laws, which the Lord made between him and the children of Iſrael, in mount Sinai, by the hand of Moſes.

CHAP. XXVII.

Concerning vows, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, When a man ſhall make a ſingular vow, the perſons ſhall be for the Lord, by thy eſtimation.

3 And thy eſtimation ſhall be, of the male from twenty years old, even unto ſixty years old, even thy eſtimation ſhall be fifty ſhekels of ſilver, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary.

4 And if it be a female, then thy eſtimation ſhall be thirty ſhekels.

5 And if it be from five years old even unto twenty years old, then thy eſtimation ſhall be of the male twenty ſhekels, and for the female ten ſhekels.

6 And if it be from a month old even unto five years old, then thy eſtimation ſhall be of the male five ſhekels of ſilver, and for the female thy eſtimation ſhall be three ſhekels of ſilver.

7 And if it be from ſixty years old and above; if it be a male, then thy eſtimation ſhall be fifteen ſhekels, and for the female ten ſhekels.

8 But if he be poorer than thy eſtimation, then he ſhall preſent himſelf before the prieſt, and the prieſt ſhall value him: according to his ability that vowed ſhall the prieſt value him.

9 And if it be a beaſt whereof men bring an offering unto the Lord, all that any man giveth of ſuch unto the Lord ſhall be holy.

10 He ſhall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad; or a bad for a good: and if he ſhall at all change beaſt for beaſt, then it and the exchange thereof ſhall be holy.

11 And if it be any unclean beaſt, of which they do not offer a ſacrifice

Remember the covenant of their anceſtors, ver. 45.] Thus he cloſes the curſe of the law due to tranſgreſſors, with promiſes of grace to be beſtowed in the latter days.

unto the Lord, then he ſhall preſent the beaſt before the prieſt:

12 And the prieſt ſhall value it, whether it be good or bad: as thou valueſt it, who art the prieſt, ſo ſhall it be.

13 But if he will at all redeem it, then he ſhall add a fifth part thereof unto thy eſtimation.

14 And when a man ſhall ſanctify his houſe to be holy unto the Lord, then the prieſt ſhall eſtimate it, whether it be good or bad: as the prieſt ſhall eſtimate it, ſo ſhall it ſtand.

15 And if he that ſanctified it will redeem his houſe, then he ſhall add the fifth part of the money of thy eſtimation unto it, and it ſhall be his.

16 And if a man ſhall ſanctify unto the Lord ſome part of a field of his poſſeſſion, then thy eſtimation ſhall be according to the ſeed thereof: an homer of barley ſeed ſhall be valued at fifty ſhekels of ſilver.

17 If he ſanctify his field from the year of jubilee, according to thy eſtimation it ſhall ſtand.

18 But if he ſanctify his field after the jubilee, then the prieſt ſhall reckon unto him the money according to the years that remain, even unto the year of the jubilee, and it ſhall be abated from thy eſtimation.

19 And if he that ſanctified the field will in any wiſe redeem it, then he ſhall add the fifth part of the money of thy eſtimation unto it, and it ſhall be aſſured to him.

20 And if he will not redeem the field, or if he have ſold the field to another man, it ſhall not be redeemed any more.

21 But the field, when it goeth out in the jubilee, ſhall be holy unto the Lord as a field devoted; the poſſeſſion thereof ſhall be the prieſt's;

22 And if a man ſanctify unto the Lord a field which he hath bought, which is not of the fields of his poſſeſſion;

23 Then the prieſt ſhall reckon unto him the worth of thy eſtimation, even unto the year of the jubilee: and he ſhall give thine eſtimation in that day as a holy thing unto the Lord.

24 In the year of the jubilee the field ſhall return unto him of whom it was bought, even to him to whom the poſſeſſion of the land did belong:

25 And all thy eſtimations ſhall be according to the ſhekel of the ſanctuary. Twenty gerahs ſhall be the ſhekel.

26 Only the firſtling of the beaſts, which ſhould be the Lord's firſtling, no man ſhall ſanctify it; whether it be ox, or ſheep: it is the Lord's.

27 And if it be of an unclean beaſt, then he ſhall redeem it according to thine eſtimation, and ſhall add a fifth part of it thereto; or if it be not redeemed, then it ſhall be ſold according to thy eſtimation.

28 ¶ Notwithſtanding, no devoted thing that a man ſhall devote unto the Lord of all that he hath, both of man and beaſt, and of the field of his poſſeſſion, ſhall be ſold or redeemed: every devoted thing is moſt holy unto the Lord.

29 None devoted, which ſhall be devoted of men, ſhall be redeemed; but ſhall ſurely be put to death.

30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the ſeed of the land, or of the

Sanctify his houſe, ver. 14.] (And ſo by proportion any of his moveable goods:) which men were wont to do, as deſiring to obtain from God a ſafe, healthful, and proſperous habitation in them.

fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord.

31 And if a man will at all redeem aught of his tithes, he ſhall add thereto the fifth part thereof.

32 ¶ And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatſoever paſſeth under the rod; the tenth ſhall be holy unto the Lord.

33 He ſhall not ſearch whether it be good or bad, neither ſhall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof ſhall be holy; it ſhall not be redeemed.

34 Theſe are the commandments which the Lord commanded Moſes, for the children of Iſrael, in mount Sinai.

THE FOURTH BOOK OF MOSES,

CALLED

NUMBERS.

CHAP. I.

The men of war numbered, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes in the wilderneſs of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the firſt day of the ſecond month, in the ſecond year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, ſaying,

2 Take ye the ſum of all the congregation of the children of Iſrael, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male by their polls:

3 From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Iſrael: thou and Aaron ſhall number them by their armies.

4 And with you there ſhall be a man of every tribe; every one head of the houſe of his fathers.

5 And theſe are the names of the men that ſhall ſtand with you. Of the tribe of Reuben; Elizur the ſon of Shedeur.

6 Of Simeon; Shelumiel the ſon of Zuriſhaddai.

7 Of Judah; Nahſhon the ſon of Amminadab.

8 Of Iſſachar; Nethaneel the ſon of Zuar.

9 Of Zebulun; Eliab the ſon of Helon.

10 Of the children of Joſeph: of Ephraim, Eliſhama the ſon of Ammihud; of Manaſſeh, Gamaliel the ſon of Pedahzur.

11 Of Benjamin; Abidan the ſon of Gideoni.

12 Of Dan; Ahiezer the ſon of Ammiſhaddai.

13 Of Aſher; Pagiel the ſon of Ocran.

14 Of Gad; Eliaſaph the ſon of Deuel.

Sum of all the congregation, ver. 2.] This was done, that thereby they might diſcover God's faithfulneſs in multiplying them according to his promiſe; and alſo his power and providence in maintaining ſo great a multitude in ſuch a deſert place.

15 Of Naphtali; Ahira the ſon of Enan.

16 Theſe were the renowned of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, heads of thouſands in Iſrael.

17 ¶ And Moſes and Aaron took theſe men, which are expreſſed by their names.

18 And they aſſembled all the congregation together on the firſt day of the ſecond month, and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls.

19 As the Lord commanded Moſes, ſo he numbered them in the wilderneſs of Sinai.

20 And the children of Reuben, Iſrael's eldeſt ſon, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

21 Thoſe that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Reuben, were forty and ſix thouſand and five hundred.

22 Of the children of Simeon, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, thoſe that were numbered of them, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

23 Thoſe that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Simeon, were fifty and nine thouſand and three hundred.

24 Of the children of Gad, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

25 Thoſe that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Gad, were forty and five thouſand ſix hundred and fifty.

26 Of the children of Judah, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war:

27 Thoſe that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Judah, were threeſcore and fourteen thouſand and ſix hundred.

28 Of the children of Iſſachar, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

29 Thoſe that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Iſſachar, were fifty and four thouſand and four hundred.

30 Of the children of Zebulun, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

31 Thoſe that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Zebulun,

were fifty and ſeven thouſand and four hundred.

32 Of the children of Joſeph, namely, of the children of Ephraim, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

33 Thoſe that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Ephraim, were forty thouſand and five hundred.

34 Of the children of Manaſſeh, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

35 Thoſe that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Manaſſeh, were thirty and two thouſand and two hundred.

36 Of the children of Benjamin by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

37 Thoſe that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Benjamin, were thirty and five thouſand and four hundred.

38 Of the children of Dan, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

39 Thoſe that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Dan, were threeſcore and two thouſand and ſeven hundred.

40 Of the children of Aſher, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

41 Thoſe that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Aſher, were forty and one thouſand and five hundred.

42 Of the children of Naphtali, throughout their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

43 Thoſe that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Naphtali, were fifty and three thouſand and four hundred.

44 Theſe are thoſe that were numbered, which Moſes and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Iſrael, being twelve men: each one was for the houſe of his fathers.

45 So were all thoſe that were numbered of the children of Iſrael, by the houſe of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Iſrael;

46 Even all they that were numbered, were ſix hundred thouſand and three thouſand and five hundred and fifty.

47 ¶ But the Levites, after the tribe of their fathers, were not numbered among them.

48 For the Lord had ſpoken unto Moſes, ſaying,

49 Only thou ſhalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the

The Levites were not numbered, ver. 47.] Becauſe they were not to be employed in military affairs (which was the occaſion of this muſtering) but only about the ſervice of the tabernacle.

ſum of them among the children of Iſrael:

50 But thou ſhalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of teſtimony, and over all the veſſels thereof, and over all things that belong to it: they ſhall bear the tabernacle, and all the veſſels thereof; and they ſhall miniſter unto it, and ſhall encamp round about the tabernacle.

51 And when the tabernacle ſetteth forward, the Levites ſhall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites ſhall ſet it up: and the ſtranger that cometh nigh ſhall be put to death.

52 And the children of Iſrael ſhall pitch their tents every man by his own camp, and every man by his own ſtandard, throughout their hoſts.

53 But the Levites ſhall pitch round about the tabernacle of teſtimony; that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Iſrael: and the Levites ſhall keep the charge of the tabernacle of teſtimony.

54 And the children of Iſrael did according to all that the Lord commanded Moſes, ſo did they.

CHAP. II.

The order of the tribes in their tents.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, ſaying,

2 Every man of the children of Iſrael ſhall pitch by his own ſtandard, with the enſign of their father's houſe: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation ſhall they pitch.

3 And on the eaſt-ſide, toward the riſing of the ſun, ſhall they of the ſtandard of the camp of Judah pitch, throughout their armies: and Nahſhon the ſon of Amminadab ſhall be captain of the children of Judah.

4 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbered of them, were threeſcore and fourteen thouſand and ſix hundred.

5 And thoſe that do pitch next unto him, ſhall be the tribe of Iſſachar: and Nethaneel the ſon of Zuar ſhall be captain of the children of Iſſachar.

6 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbered thereof, were fifty and four thouſand and four hundred.

7 Then the tribe of Zebulun: and Eliab the ſon of Helon ſhall be captain of the children of Zebulun.

8 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbered thereof, were fifty and ſeven thouſand and four hundred.

9 All that were numbered in the camp of Judah, were an hundred thouſand and fourſcore thouſand and ſix thouſand and four hundred, throughout their armies. Theſe ſhall firſt ſet forth.

10 On the ſouth-ſide ſhall be the ſtandard of the camp of Reuben, according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben ſhall be Elizur the ſon of Shedeur.

11 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbered thereof, were forty and ſix thouſand and five hundred.

12 And thoſe which pitch by him ſhall be the tribe of Simeon: and the captain of the children of Simeon ſhall be Shelumiel, the ſon of Zuriſhaddai.

Far off about the tabernacle, ver. 2.] Probably about two thouſand cubits, or an Engliſh mile; which is a ſabbath-day's journey.

13 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbered of them, were fifty and nine thouſand and three hundred.

14 Then the tribe of Gad: and the captain of the ſons of Gad ſhall be Eliaſaph the ſon of Reuel.

15 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbered of them, were forty and five thouſand and ſix hundred and fifty.

16 All that were numbered in the camp of Reuben, were an hundred thouſand and fifty and one thouſand and four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies. And they ſhall ſet forth in the ſecond rank.

17 Then the tabernacle of the congregation ſhall ſet forward with the camp of the Levites, in the midſt of the camp: as they encamp, ſo ſhall they ſet forward, every man in his place by their ſtandards.

18 On the weſt-ſide ſhall be the ſtandard of the camp of Ephraim, according to their armies: and the captain of the ſons of Ephraim ſhall be Eliſhama the ſon of Ammihud.

19 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbered of them, were forty thouſand and five hundred.

20 And by him ſhall be the tribe of Manaſſeh: and the captain of the children of Manaſſeh ſhall be Gamaliel the ſon of Pedahzur.

21 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbered of them, were thirty and two thouſand and two hundred.

22 Then the tribe of Benjamin: and the captain of the ſons of Benjamin ſhall be Abidan the ſon of Gideoni.

23 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbered of them, were thirty and five thouſand and four hundred.

24 All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim, were an hundred thouſand and eight thouſand and an hundred, throughout their armies. And they ſhall go forward in the third rank.

25 The ſtandard of the camp of Dan ſhall be on the north-ſide by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan ſhall be Ahiezer the ſon of Ammiſhaddai.

26 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbered of them, were threeſcore and two thouſand and ſeven hundred.

27 And thoſe that encamp by him ſhall be the tribe of Aſher: and the captain of the children of Aſher ſhall be Pagiel the ſon of Ocran.

28 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbered of them, were forty and one thouſand and five hundred.

29 Then the tribe of Naphtali: and the captain of the children of Naphtali ſhall be Ahira the ſon of Enan.

30 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbered of them, were fifty and three thouſand and four hundred.

31 All they that were numbered in the camp of Dan, were an hundred thouſand and fifty and ſeven thouſand and ſix hundred. They ſhall go hindmoſt with their ſtandards.

32 Theſe are thoſe which were numbered of the children of Iſrael, by the houſe of their fathers. All thoſe that were numbered of the camps throughout their hoſts, were ſix hundred thou-

Dan, Ahiezer, Ammiſhaddai, ver. 25.] All theſe were the ſons of the handmaids.

ſand and three thouſand and five hundred and fifty.

33 But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Iſrael; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

34 And the children of Iſrael did according to all that the Lord commanded Moſes: ſo they pitched by their ſtandards, and ſo they ſet forward, every one after their families, according to the houſe of their fathers.

CHAP. III.

The Levites' ſervice: firſt-born freed, &c.

THESE alſo are the generations of Aaron and Moſes, in the day that the Lord ſpake with Moſes in mount Sinai.

2 And theſe are the names of the ſons of Aaron; Nadab the firſt-born, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

3 Theſe are the names of the ſons of Aaron, the prieſts which were anointed, whom he conſecrated to miniſter in the prieſt's office.

4 And Nadab and Abihu died before the Lord, when they offered ſtrange fire before the Lord, in the wilderneſs of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar miniſtered in the prieſt's office in the ſight of Aaron their father.

5 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

6 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and preſent them before Aaron the prieſt, that they may miniſter unto him.

7 And they ſhall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the ſervice of the tabernacle.

8 And they ſhall keep all the inſtruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Iſrael, to do the ſervice of the tabernacle.

9 And thou ſhalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his ſons; they are wholly given unto him out of the children of Iſrael.

10 And thou ſhalt appoint Aaron and his ſons, and they ſhall wait on their prieſt's office; and the ſtranger that cometh nigh ſhall be put to death.

11 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

12 And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Iſrael, inſtead of all the firſt-born that openeth the matrix among the children of Iſrael: therefore the Levites ſhall be mine;

13 Becauſe all the firſt-born are mine: for on the day that I ſmote all the firſt-born in the land of Egypt, I hallowed unto me all the firſt-born in Iſrael, both man and beaſt: mine ſhall they be: I am the Lord.

14 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes in the wilderneſs of Sinai, ſaying,

15 Number the children of Levi after the houſe of their fathers; by their families: every male from a month old and upward ſhalt thou number them.

16 And Moſes numbered them according to the word of the Lord, as he was commanded.

Aaron and Moſes, ver. 1.] Aaron is ſet before Moſes, becauſe the prieſthood was beſtowed on his poſterity, whereas the poſterity of Moſes were but common Levites.

17 And theſe were the ſons of Levi, by their names; Gerſhon, and Kohath, and Merari.

18 And theſe are the names of the ſons of Gerſhon, by their families; Libni, and Shimei.

19 And the ſons of Kohath, by their families; Amram, and Izehar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

20 And the ſons of Merari, by their families; Mahli, and Muſhi. Theſe are the families of the Levites, according to the houſe of their fathers.

21 Of Gerſhon was the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimites: theſe are the families of the Gerſhonites.

22 Thoſe that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, even thoſe that were numbered of them, were ſeven thouſand and five hundred.

23 The families of the Gerſhonites ſhall pitch behind the tabernacle weſtward.

24 And the chief of the houſe of the father of the Gerſhonites, ſhall be Eliaſaph the ſon of Lael.

25 And the charge of the ſons of Gerſhon, in the tabernacle of the congregation, ſhall be the tabernacle, and the tent, the covering thereof, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

26 And the hangings of the court, and the curtain for the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and the cords of it, for all the ſervice thereof.

27 And of Kohath was the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izeharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites: theſe are the families of the Kohathites.

28 In the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were eight thouſand and ſix hundred, keeping the charge of the ſanctuary.

29 The families of the ſons of Kohath ſhall pitch on the ſide of the tabernacle ſouth-ward.

30 And the chief of the houſe of the father of the families of the Kohathites ſhall be Elizaphan the ſon of Uzziel.

31 And their charge ſhall be the ark, and the table, and the candleſtick, and the altars, and the veſſels of the ſanctuary wherewith they miniſter, and the hanging, and all the ſervice thereof.

32 And Eleazar the ſon of Aaron the prieſt ſhall be chief over the chief of the Levites, and have the over-ſight of them that keep the charge of the ſanctuary.

33 Of Merari was the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Muſhites: theſe are the families of Merari.

34 And thoſe that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were ſix thouſand and two hundred.

35 And the chief of the houſe of the father of the families of Merari was Zuriel the ſon of Abihail: theſe

Chief over the chief of the Levites, ver. 32.] Next to the high prieſt, called the ſecond prieſt, who ſupplied the place of the high prieſt upon any ſpecial occaſion, and had ſuperiority over the reſt of the prieſts and Levites.

ſhall pitch on the ſide of the tabernacle north-ward.

36 And under the cuſtody and charge of the ſons of Merari ſhall be the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the ſockets thereof, and all the veſſels thereof, and all that ſerveth thereto,

37 And the pillars of the court round about, and their ſockets, and their pins, and their cords.

38 But thoſe that encamp before the tabernacle toward the eaſt, even before the tabernacle of the congregation eaſtward, ſhall be Moſes, and Aaron and his ſons, keeping the charge of the ſanctuary, for the charge of the children of Iſrael: and the ſtranger that cometh nigh ſhall be put to death.

39 All that were numbered of the Levites, which Moſes and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the Lord, throughout their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were twenty and two thouſand.

40 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Number all the firſt-born of the males of the children of Iſrael, from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names.

41 And thou ſhalt take the Levites for me, (I am the Lord) inſtead of all the firſt-born among the children of Iſrael; and the cattle of the Levites, inſtead of all the firſtlings among the cattle of the children of Iſrael.

42 And Moſes numbered, as the Lord commanded him, all the firſt-born among the children of Iſrael.

43 And all the firſt-born males, by the number of names, from a month old and upward, of thoſe that were numbered of them, were twenty and two thouſand two hundred and threeſcore and thirteen.

44 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

45 Take the Levites inſtead of all the firſt-born among the children of Iſrael, and the cattle of the Levites inſtead of their cattle; and the Levites ſhall be mine: I am the Lord.

46 And for thoſe that are to be redeemed of the two hundred and threeſcore and thirteen, of the firſt-born of the children of Iſrael, which are more than the Levites;

47 Thou ſhalt even take five ſhekels a-piece by the poll, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary ſhalt thou take them. The ſhekel is twenty gerahs:

48 And thou ſhalt give the money, wherewith the odd number of them is to be redeemed, unto Aaron and to his ſons.

49 And Moſes took the redemption-money of them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levites:

50 Of the firſt-born of the children of Iſrael took he the money; a thouſand three hundred and threeſcore and five ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary:

51 And Moſes gave the money of them that were redeemed unto Aaron and to his ſons, according to the word of the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moſes.

A thouſand three hundred and threeſcore and five ſhekels, ver. 50.] Which, in our money, makes one hundred and fifty-five pounds thirteen ſhillings and elevenpence.

CHAP. IV.

The Levites' ſervices, and office.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, ſaying,

2 Take the ſum of the ſons of Kohath from among the ſons of Levi, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers:

3 From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter into the hoſt, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 This ſhall be the ſervice of the ſons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation, about the moſt holy things:

5 And when the camp ſetteth forward, Aaron ſhall come and his ſons, and they ſhall take down the covering vail, and cover the ark of teſtimony with it:

6 And ſhall put thereon the covering of badgers ſkins, and ſhall ſpread over it a cloth wholly of blue, and ſhall put in the ſtaves thereof.

7 And upon the table of ſhew-bread they ſhall ſpread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the diſhes, and the ſpoons, and the bowls, and covers to cover withal: and the continual bread ſhall be thereon.

8 And they ſhall ſpread upon them a cloth of ſcarlet, and cover the ſame with a covering of badgers ſkins, and ſhall put in the ſtaves thereof.

9 And they ſhall take a cloth of blue, and cover the candleſtick of the light, and his lamps, and his tongs, and his ſnuff-diſhes, and all the oil-veſſels thereof, wherewith they miniſter unto it:

10 And they ſhall put it and all the veſſels thereof within a covering of badgers ſkins, and ſhall put it upon a bar.

11 And upon the golden altar they ſhall ſpread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers ſkins, and ſhall put to the ſtaves thereof:

12 And they ſhall take all the inſtruments of miniſtry, wherewith they miniſter in the ſanctuary, and put them in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of badgers ſkins, and ſhall put them on a bar:

13 And they ſhall take away the aſhes from the altar, and ſpread a purple cloth thereon:

14 And they ſhall put upon it all the veſſels thereof, wherewith they miniſter about it, even the cenſers, the fleſh-hooks, and the ſhovels, and the baſons, all the veſſels of the altar; and they ſhall ſpread upon it a covering of badgers ſkins, and put to the ſtaves of it.

15 And when Aaron and his ſons have made an end of covering the ſanctuary, and all the veſſels of the ſanctuary, as the camp is to ſet forward; after that the ſons of Kohath ſhall come to bear it: but they ſhall not touch any holy thing, leſt they die. Theſe things are the burden of the ſons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation.

16 And to the office of Eleazar the ſon of Aaron the prieſt pertaineth the oil for the light, and the ſweet incenſe, and the daily meat-offering, and the anointing oil, and the over-ſight of all the ta-

Take down the covering vail, ver. 5.] Upon this occaſion the ordinary prieſts might go into the Holy of holies; and when they had done all their work there, then the Levites might come alſo to carry the ark.

bernacle, and of all that therein is, in the ſanctuary, and in the veſſels thereof.

17 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, ſaying,

18 Cut ye not off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites:

19 But thus do unto them, that they may live and not die, when they approach unto the moſt holy things: Aaron and his ſons ſhall go in, and appoint them every one to his ſervice and to his burden:

20 But they ſhall not go in to ſee when the holy things are covered, leſt they die.

21 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

22 Take alſo the ſum of the ſons of Gerſhon, throughout the houſes of their fathers, by their families;

23 From thirty years old and upward until fifty years old ſhalt thou number them; all that enter in to perform the ſervice, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

24 This is the ſervice of the families of the Gerſhonites, to ſerve, and for burdens.

25 And they ſhall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, his covering, and the covering of the badgers ſkins that is above upon it, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

26 And the hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of the gate of the court which is by the tabernacle, and by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the inſtruments of their ſervice, and all that is made for them: ſo ſhall they ſerve.

27 At the appointment of Aaron and his ſons ſhall be all the ſervice of the ſons of the Gerſhonites, in all their burdens, and in all their ſervice: and ye ſhall appoint unto them in charge all their burdens.

28 This is the ſervice of the families of the ſons of Gerſhon in the tabernacle of the congregation: and their charge ſhall be under the hand of Ithamar the ſon of Aaron the prieſt.

29 As for the ſons of Merari, thou ſhalt number them after their families, by the houſe of their fathers;

30 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old ſhalt thou number them, every one that entereth in to the ſervice, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation.

31 And this is the charge of their burden, according to all their ſervice in the tabernacle of the congregation: the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and ſockets thereof,

32 And the pillars of the court round about, and their ſockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their inſtruments, and with all their ſervice: and by name ye ſhall reckon the inſtruments of the charge of their burden.

33 This is the ſervice of the families of the ſons of Merari, according to all their ſervice in the tabernacle of the congregation, under the hand of Ithamar the ſon of Aaron the prieſt.

Cut ye not off the tribe of, &c. ver. 18.] *i. e.* Suffer them not to touch the holy things through your neglect, whereby they ſhould be cut off.

34 And Moſes and Aaron and the chief of the congregation numbered the ſons of the Kohathites after their families, and after the houſe of their fathers:

35 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth in to the ſervice, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation:

36 And thoſe that were numbered of them by their families, were two thouſand ſeven hundred and fifty.

37 Theſe were they that were numbered of the families of the Kohathites, all that might do ſervice in the tabernacle of the congregation; which Moſes and Aaron did number, according to the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Moſes.

38 And thoſe that were numbered of the ſons of Gerſhon, throughout their families, and by the houſe of their fathers,

39 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth in to the ſervice, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation;

40 Even thoſe that were numbered of them throughout their families, by the houſe of their fathers, were two thouſand and ſix hundred and thirty.

41 Theſe are they that were numbered of the families of the ſons of Gerſhon, of all that might do ſervice in the tabernacle of the congregation; whom Moſes and Aaron did number, according to the commandment of the Lord.

42 And thoſe that were numbered of the families of the ſons of Merari, throughout their families, by the houſe of their fathers,

43 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth in to the ſervice, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation;

44 Even thoſe that were numbered of them, after their families, were three thouſand and two hundred.

45 Theſe be thoſe that were numbered of the families of the ſons of Merari, whom Moſes and Aaron numbered according to the word of the Lord by the hand of Moſes.

46 All thoſe that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moſes and Aaron and the chief of Iſrael numbered, after their families, and after the houſe of their fathers,

47 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that came to do the ſervice of the miniſtry, and the ſervice of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation;

48 Even thoſe that were numbered of them were eight thouſand and five hundred and fourſcore.

49 According to the commandment of the Lord, they were numbered by the hand of Moſes, every one according to his ſervice, and according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, as the Lord commanded Moſes.

CHAP. V.

The unclean put out of the camp, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

Three thouſand and two hundred, ver. 44.] The general number of this family was leſs than the other two, and yet the number of able perſons for the ſervice was greater, becauſe their ſervice required greater ſtrength.

2 Command the children of Iſrael, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an iſſue, and whoſoever is defiled by the dead:

3 Both male and female ſhall ye put out, without the camp ſhall ye put them; that they defile not their camps, in the midſt whereof I dwell.

4 And the children of Iſrael did ſo, and put them out without the camp: as the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſo did the children of Iſrael.

5 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

6 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, When a man or woman ſhall commit any ſin that men commit, to do a treſpaſs againſt the Lord, and that perſon be guilty;

7 Then they ſhall confeſs their ſin which they have done: and he ſhall recompenſe his treſpaſs with the principal thereof, and add unto it the fifth part thereof, and give it unto him againſt whom he hath treſpaſſed.

8 But if the man have no kinſman to recompenſe the treſpaſs unto, let the treſpaſs be recompenſed unto the Lord, even to the prieſt: beſide the ram of the atonement, whereby an atonement ſhall be made for him.

9 And every offering of all the holy things of the children of Iſrael, which they bring unto the prieſt, ſhall be his.

10 And every man's hallowed things ſhall be his: whatſoever any man giveth the prieſt, it ſhall be his.

11 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

12 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, If any man's wife go aſide, and commit a treſpaſs againſt him,

13 And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her huſband, and be kept cloſe, and ſhe be defiled, and there be no witneſs againſt her, neither ſhe be taken with the manner;

14 And the ſpirit of jealouſy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and ſhe be defiled: or if the ſpirit of jealouſy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and ſhe be not defiled:

15 Then ſhall the man bring his wife unto the prieſt, and he ſhall bring her offering for her, the tenth part of an ephah of barley-meal; he ſhall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincenſe thereon; for it is an offering of jealouſy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

16 And the prieſt ſhall bring her near, and ſet her before the Lord:

17 And the prieſt ſhall take holy water in an earthen veſſel; and of the duſt that is in the floor of the tabernacle the prieſt ſhall take, and put it into the water:

18 And the prieſt ſhall ſet the woman before the Lord, and uncover the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which is the jealouſy-offering: and the prieſt ſhall have in his hand the bitter water that cauſeth the curſe:

19 And the prieſt ſhall charge her by an oath, and ſay unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and if thou

To remembrance, ver. 15.] Both to God, before whom ſhe now appeared as a ſinner, and to her own conſcience, if ſhe was guilty: or if not this, yet it reminded her of her other ſins, for which ſhe might be puniſhed.

haſt not gone aſide to uncleanneſs with another inſtead of thy huſband, be thou free from this bitter water that cauſeth the curſe.

20 But if thou haſt gone aſide to another inſtead of thy huſband, and if thou be defiled, and ſome man have lain with thee beſide thine huſband:

21 Then the prieſt ſhall charge the woman with an oath of curſing, and the prieſt ſhall ſay unto the woman, The Lord make thee a curſe, and an oath among thy people, when the Lord doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to ſwell;

22 And this water that cauſeth the curſe ſhall go into thy bowels, to make thy belly to ſwell, and thy thigh to rot. And the woman ſhall ſay Amen, Amen.

23 And the prieſt ſhall write theſe curſes in a book, and he ſhall blot them out with the bitter water:

24 And he ſhall cauſe the woman to drink the bitter water that cauſeth the curſe: and the water that cauſeth the curſe ſhall enter into her, and become bitter.

25 Then the prieſt ſhall take the jealouſy-offering out of the woman's hand, and ſhall wave the offering before the Lord, and offer it upon the altar:

26 And the prieſt ſhall take an handful of the offering, even the memorial thereof, and burn it upon the altar, and afterward ſhall cauſe the woman to drink the water.

27 And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it ſhall come to paſs, that if ſhe be defiled, and have done treſpaſs againſt her huſband, that the water that cauſeth the curſe ſhall enter into her, and become bitter, and her belly ſhall ſwell, and her thigh ſhall rot: and the woman ſhall be a curſe among her people.

28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then ſhe ſhall be free, and ſhall conceive ſeed.

29 This is the law of jealouſies, when a wife goeth aſide to another inſtead of her huſband, and is defiled;

30 Or when the ſpirit of jealouſy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and ſhall ſet the woman before the Lord, and the prieſt ſhall execute upon her all this law.

31 Then ſhall the man be guilleſs from iniquity, and this woman ſhall bear her iniquity.

CHAP. VI.

The law of the Nazarite, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, When either man or woman ſhall ſeparate themſelves to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to ſeparate themſelves unto the Lord:

3 He ſhall ſeparate himſelf from wine, and ſtrong drink, and ſhall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of ſtrong drink, neither ſhall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moiſt grapes or dried.

4 All the days of his ſeparation ſhall he eat nothing that is made of the vine-tree, from the kernels even to the huſk.

Thy thigh to rot, ver. 21.] Thy womb to rot, or to fall down out of its place, whereby it became unfit for conception; and ſo ſhe was puniſhed in thoſe very parts wherewith ſhe had ſinned.

5 All the days of the vow of his ſeparation there ſhall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he ſeparateth himſelf unto the Lord, he ſhall be holy; and ſhall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.

6 All the days that he ſeparateth himſelf unto the Lord, he ſhall come at no dead body.

7 He ſhall not make himſelf unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his ſiſter, when they die: becauſe the conſecration of his God is upon his head.

8 All the days of his ſeparation he is holy unto the Lord.

9 And if any man die very ſuddenly by him, and he hath defiled the head of his conſecration; then he ſhall ſhave his head in the day of his cleanſing, on the ſeventh day ſhall he ſhave it.

10 And on the eighth day he ſhall bring two turtles or two young pigeons to the prieſt, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

11 And the prieſt ſhall offer the one for a ſin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, and make an atonement for him, for that he ſinned by the dead, and ſhall hallow his head that ſame day.

12 And he ſhall conſecrate unto the Lord the days of his ſeparation, and ſhall bring a lamb of the firſt year for a treſpaſs-offering: but the days that were before ſhall be loſt, becauſe his ſeparation was defiled.

13 And this is the law of the Nazarite: When the days of his ſeparation are fulfilled, he ſhall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

14 And he ſhall offer his offering unto the Lord, one he-lamb of the firſt year without blemiſh for a burnt-offering, and one ewe-lamb of the firſt year without blemiſh for a ſin-offering, and one ram without blemiſh for peace-offerings,

15 And a baſket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, and their meat offering, and their drink-offerings.

16 And the prieſt ſhall bring them before the Lord, and ſhall offer his ſin-offering, and his burnt-offering:

17 And he ſhall offer the ram for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings unto the Lord, with the baſket of unleavened bread: the prieſt ſhall offer alſo his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

18 And the Nazarite ſhall ſhave the head of his ſeparation at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; and ſhall take the hair of the head of his ſeparation, and put it in the fire which is under the ſacrifice of the peace-offerings.

19 And the prieſt ſhall take the ſodden ſhoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the baſket, and one unleavened wafer; and ſhall put them upon the hands of the Nazarite, after the hair of his ſeparation is ſhaven:

20 And the prieſt ſhall wave them for a wave-offering before the Lord: this is holy for the prieſt, with the wave-breaſt, and heave-ſhoulder: and after that the Nazarite may drink wine.

No razor come upon his head, ver. 5.] That their hair, being continually in their ſight, might put them in mind of their conſecration to God's ſervice, and mortification to the world.

21 This is the law of the Nazarite who hath vowed, and of his offering unto the Lord for his ſeparation, beſides that that his hand ſhall get; according to the vow which he vowed, ſo he muſt do after the law of his ſeparation.

22 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his ſons, ſaying, On this wiſe ye ſhall bleſs the children of Iſrael, ſaying unto them,

24 The Lord bleſs thee, and keep thee;

25 The Lord make his face ſhine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

26 The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

27 And they ſhall put my name upon the children of Iſrael, and I will bleſs them.

CHAP. VII.

The princes' offerings, &c.

AND it came to paſs on the day that Moſes had fully ſet up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and ſanctified it, and all the inſtruments thereof, both the altar and all the veſſels thereof, and had anointed them, and ſanctified them;

2 That the princes of Iſrael, heads of the houſe of their fathers, (who were the princes of the tribes, and were over them that were numbered,) offered:

3 And they brought their offering before the Lord, ſix covered waggons, and twelve oxen; a waggon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they brought them before the tabernacle.

4 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

5 Take it of them that they may be to do the ſervice of the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou ſhalt give them unto the Levites, to every man according to his ſervice.

6 And Moſes took the waggons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites.

7 Two waggons and four oxen he gave unto the ſons of Gerſhon, according to their ſervice:

8 And four waggons and eight oxen he gave unto the ſons of Merari, according unto their ſervice, under the hand of Ithamar the ſon of Aaron the prieſt.

9 But unto the ſons of Kohath he gave none: becauſe the ſervice of the ſanctuary belonging unto them, was that they ſhould bear upon their ſhoulders.

10 ¶ And the princes offered for dedicating of the altar, in the day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their offering before the altar.

11 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, They ſhall offer their offering each prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar.

12 And he that offered his offering the firſt day, was Nahſhon the ſon of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah:

13 And his offering was one ſilver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty ſhekels, one ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them were full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

On this wiſe ye ſhall bleſs the children of Iſrael, ver. 23.] Herein the prieſt was a type of Chriſt, whom God ſent to bleſs us, and therefore his doctrine began with manifold bleſſings.

14 One ſpoon of ten ſhekels of gold, full of incenſe:

15 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

16 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

17 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year: this was the offering of Nahſhon the ſon of Amminadab.

18 On the ſecond day Nethaneel the ſon of Zuar, prince of Iſſachar, did offer:

19 He offered for his offering one ſilver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty ſhekels, one ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

20 One ſpoon of gold of ten ſhekels, full of incenſe:

21 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

22 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

23 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year: this was the offering of Nethaneel the ſon of Zuar.

24 On the third day Eliab the ſon of Helon, prince of the children of Zebulun, did offer:

25 His offering was one ſilver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty ſhekels, one ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

26 One golden ſpoon of ten ſhekels, full of incenſe:

27 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

28 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

29 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year: this was the offering of Eliab the ſon of Helon.

30 On the fourth day Elizur the ſon of Shedeur, prince of the children of Reuben, did offer:

31 His offering was one ſilver charger, of the weight of an hundred and thirty ſhekels, one ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

32 One golden ſpoon of ten ſhekels, full of incenſe:

33 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

34 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

35 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year: this was the offering of Elizur the ſon of Shedeur.

36 On the fifth day Shelumiel the ſon of Zuriſhaddai, prince of the children of Simeon, did offer:

37 His offering was one ſilver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty ſhekels, one ſilver bowl of ſe-

Peace-offerings, ver. 17.] Of theſe the princes, with the prieſts, &c. did eat, and ſo kept a feaſt with joy before the Lord, for his mercy towards his people.

venty ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

38 One golden ſpoon of ten ſhekels, full of incenſe:

39 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

40 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

41 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year: this was the offering of Shelumiel the ſon of Zuriſhaddai.

42 On the ſixth day Eliaſaph the ſon of Deuel, prince of the children of Gad, offered:

43 His offering was one ſilver charger, of the weight of an hundred and thirty ſhekels, a ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

44 One golden ſpoon of ten ſhekels, full of incenſe:

45 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

46 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

47 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year: this was the offering of Eliaſaph the ſon of Deuel.

48 On the ſeventh day Eliſhama the ſon of Ammihud, prince of the children of Ephraim, offered:

49 His offering was one ſilver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty ſhekels, one ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

50 One golden ſpoon of ten ſhekels, full of incenſe:

51 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

52 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

53 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year: this was the offering of Eliſhama the ſon of Ammihud.

54 On the eighth day offered Gamaliel the ſon of Pedahzur, prince of the children of Manaſſeh:

55 His offering was one ſilver charger, of the weight of an hundred and thirty ſhekels, one ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

56 One golden ſpoon of ten ſhekels, full of incenſe:

57 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

58 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

59 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year: this was the offering of Gamaliel the ſon of Pedahzur.

60 On the ninth day Abidan the ſon of Gideoni, prince of the children of Benjamin, offered:

61 His offering was one ſilver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty ſhekels, one ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

62 One golden ſpoon, of ten ſhekels, full of incenſe:

63 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

64 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

65 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year: this was the offering of Abidan the ſon of Gideoni.

66 On the tenth day Ahiezer the ſon of Ammiſhaddai, prince of the children of Dan, offered:

67 His offering was one ſilver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty ſhekels, one ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

68 One golden ſpoon of ten ſhekels, full of incenſe:

69 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

70 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

71 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year: this was the offering of Ahiezer the ſon of Ammiſhaddai.

72 On the eleventh day Pagiel the ſon of Ocran, prince of the children of Aſher, offered:

73 His offering was one ſilver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty ſhekels, one ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

74 One golden ſpoon of ten ſhekels, full of incenſe.

75 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

76 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

77 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year. This was the offering of Pagiel the ſon of Ocran.

78 ¶ On the twelfth day Ahira the ſon of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali, offered:

79 His offering was one ſilver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty ſhekels, one ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

80 One golden ſpoon of ten ſhekels, full of incenſe:

81 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

82 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

83 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year. This was the offering of Ahira the ſon of Enan.

84 This was the dedication of the altar (in the day when it was anointed) by the princes of Iſrael: twelve chargers of ſilver, twelve ſilver bowls, twelve ſpoons of gold:

85 Each charger of ſilver weighing an hundred and thirty ſhekels, each bowl ſeventy: all the ſilver veſſels weighed two thouſand and four hundred ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary.

86 The golden ſpoons were twelve, full of incenſe, weighing ten ſhekels a-piece, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary: all the gold of the ſpoons was an hundred and twenty ſhekels.

87 All the oxen for the burnt-offering were twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the lambs of the firſt year twelve, with their meat-offering: and the kids of the goats, for ſin-offering, twelve.

88 And all the oxen for the ſacrifice of the peace-offerings were twenty and four bullocks, the rams ſixty, the he-goats ſixty, the lambs of the firſt year ſixty. This was the dedication of the altar, after that it was anointed.

89 ¶ And when Moſes was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation, to ſpeak with him: then he heard the voice of one ſpeaking unto him, from off the mercy-ſeat that was upon the ark of teſtimony, from between the two cherubims: and he ſpake unto him.

CHAP. VIII.

How the lamps are to be lighted, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and ſay unto him, When thou lighteſt the lamps, the ſeven lamps ſhall give light over-againſt the candleſtick.

3 And Aaron did ſo: he lighted the lamps thereof, over-againſt the candleſtick; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

4 And this work of the candleſtick was of beaten gold, unto the ſhaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, was beaten work: according unto the pattern which the Lord had ſhewed Moſes, ſo he made the candleſtick.

5 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

6 Take the Levites from among the children of Iſrael, and cleanſe them.

7 And thus ſhalt thou do unto them, to cleanſe them: Sprinkle water of purifying upon them, and let them ſhave all their fleſh, and let them waſh their clothes, and ſo make themſelves clean.

8 Then let them take a young bullock with his meat-offering, even fine flour mingled with oil; and another young bullock ſhalt thou take for a ſin-offering.

9 And thou ſhalt bring the Levites before the tabernacle of the congre-

Beaten gold, ver. 4.] The whole candleſtick, with the branches, bowls, knops, and flowers, was ſolid maſſy work, beaten with a hammer out of one piece; only the lamps were made by themſelves, and ſet upon the tops of the ſeven branches.

gation: and thou ſhalt gather the whole aſſembly of the children of Iſrael together:

10 And thou ſhalt bring the Levites before the Lord: and the children of Iſrael ſhall put their hands upon the Levites.

11 And Aaron ſhall offer the Levites before the Lord, for an offering of the children of Iſrael; that they may execute the ſervice of the Lord.

12 And the Levites ſhall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: and thou ſhalt offer the one for a ſin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering unto the Lord, to make an atonement for the Levites.

13 And thou ſhalt ſet the Levites before Aaron, and before his ſons, and offer them for an offering unto the Lord.

14 Thus ſhalt thou ſeparate the Levites from among the children of Iſrael: and the Levites ſhall be mine.

15 And after that ſhall the Levites go in to do the ſervice of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou ſhalt cleanſe them, and offer them for an offering.

16 For they are wholly given unto me from among the children of Iſrael: inſtead of ſuch as open every womb, even inſtead of the firſt-born of all the children of Iſrael, have I taken them unto me.

17 For all the firſt-born of the children of Iſrael are mine, both man and beaſt: on the day that I ſmote every firſt-born in the land of Egypt I ſanctified them for myſelf.

18 And I have taken the Levites for all the firſt-born of the children of Iſrael.

19 And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron, and to his ſons, from among the children of Iſrael; to do the ſervice of the children of Iſrael in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Iſrael: that there be no plague among the children of Iſrael, when the children of Iſrael come nigh unto the ſanctuary.

20 And Moſes and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Iſrael, did to the Levites according unto all that the Lord commanded Moſes concerning the Levites, ſo did the children of Iſrael unto them.

21 And the Levites were purified, and they waſhed their clothes: and Aaron offered them as an offering before the Lord; and Aaron made an atonement for them, to cleanſe them.

22 And after that went the Levites in to do their ſervice in the tabernacle of the congregation, before Aaron, and before his ſons: as the Lord had commanded Moſes concerning the Levites, ſo did they unto them.

23 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

24 This is it that belongeth unto the Levites: from twenty and five years old, and upward, they ſhall go in to wait upon the ſervice of the tabernacle of the congregation:

25 And from the age of fifty years they ſhall ceaſe waiting upon the ſervice thereof, and ſhall ſerve no more:

26 But ſhall miniſter with their brethren in the tabernacle of the congregation, to keep the charge, and ſhall do no

Set the Levites before Aaron, and before his ſons, ver. 13.] As a ſign that they were given to him and his ſons, to be employed by them upon all occaſions.

ſervice. Thus ſhalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charge.

CHAP. IX.

The paſſover enjoined, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes in the wilderneſs of Sinai, in the firſt month of the ſecond year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, ſaying,

2 Let the children of Iſrael alſo keep the paſſover at his appointed ſeaſon.

3 In the fourteenth day of this month, at even, ye ſhall keep it in his appointed ſeaſon: according to all the rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies thereof ſhall ye keep it.

4 And Moſes ſpake unto the children of Iſrael, that they ſhould keep the paſſover.

5 And they kept the paſſover on the fourteenth day of the firſt month, at even, in the wilderneſs of Sinai: according to all that the Lord commanded Moſes, ſo did the children of Iſrael.

6 And there were certain men who were defiled by the dead body of a man, that they could not keep the paſſover on that day: and they came before Moſes and before Aaron on that day:

7 And thoſe men ſaid unto him, We are defiled by the dead body of a man, wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer an offering of the Lord in his appointed ſeaſon among the children of Iſrael?

8 And Moſes ſaid unto them, Stand ſtill, and I will hear what the Lord will command concerning you.

9 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

10 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, If any man of you or of your poſterity ſhall be unclean by reaſon of a dead body, or be in a journey afar off, yet he ſhall keep the paſſover unto the Lord.

11 The fourteenth day of the ſecond month at even they ſhall keep it, and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

12 They ſhall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the paſſover they ſhall keep it.

13 But the man that is clean, and is not in a journey, and forbeareth to keep the paſſover; even the ſame ſoul ſhall be cut off from among his people: becauſe he brought not the offering of the Lord in his appointed ſeaſon, that man ſhall bear his ſin.

14 And if a ſtranger ſhall ſojourn among you, and will keep the paſſover unto the Lord; according to the ordinance of the paſſover, and according to the manner thereof, ſo ſhall he do: ye ſhall have one ordinance, both for the ſtranger, and for him that was born in the land.

15 ¶ And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, namely, the tent of the teſtimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning.

16 So it was alway; the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.

Keep the paſſover, ver. 2.] This is a particular command for keeping the paſſover at this time in the wilderneſs; for by the firſt inſtitution they ſeem to be bound to keep it only in the land of Canaan, and not in the wilderneſs.

17 And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle; then after that the children of Iſrael journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Iſrael pitched their tents.

18 At the commandment of the Lord the children of Iſrael journeyed, and at the commandment of the Lord they pitched: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they reſted in their tents:

19 And when the cloud tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Iſrael kept the charge of the Lord, and journeyed not.

20 And ſo it was, when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; according to the commandment of the Lord they abode in their tents, and according to the commandment of the Lord they journeyed.

21 And ſo it was, when the cloud abode from even unto the morning, and that the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether it was by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.

22 Or whether it were two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Iſrael abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up they journeyed.

23 At the commandment of the Lord they reſted in the tents, and at the commandment of the Lord they journeyed: they kept the charge of the Lord, at the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Moſes.

CHAP. X.

The uſe of the ſilver trumpets, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Make thee two trumpets of ſilver: of a whole piece ſhalt thou make them; that thou mayeſt uſe them for the calling of the aſſembly, and for the journeying of the camps.

3 And when they ſhall blow with them, all the aſſembly ſhall aſſemble themſelves to thee, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And if they blow but with one trumpet, then the princes, which are heads of the thouſands of Iſrael, ſhall gather themſelves unto thee.

5 When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the eaſt parts ſhall go forward.

6 When ye blow an alarm the ſecond time, then the camps that lie on the ſouth-ſide ſhall take their journey: they ſhall blow an alarm for their journeys.

7 But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye ſhall blow, but ye ſhall not ſound an alarm.

8 And the ſons of Aaron the prieſts ſhall blow with the trumpets; and they ſhall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations.

9 And if ye go to war in your land againſt the enemy that oppreſſeth you, then ye ſhall blow an alarm with the trumpets: and ye ſhall be remembered before the Lord your God, and ye ſhall be ſaved from your enemies.

Trumpets of ſilver, ver. 2.] To note that miniſters ſhould be apt to teach, (as ſilver gives a clear ſhrill ſound) and that their doctrine ſhould be pure and precious.

10 Alſo in the day of your gladneſs, and in your ſolemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye ſhall blow with the trumpets over your burnt-offerings, and over the ſacrifices of your peace-offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I am the Lord your God.

11 ¶ And it came to paſs on the twentieth day of the ſecond month, in the ſecond year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the teſtimony.

12 And the children of Iſrael took their journeys out of the wilderneſs of Sinai: and the cloud reſted in the wilderneſs of Paran.

13 And they firſt took their journey, according to the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Moſes.

14 In the firſt place went the ſtandard of the camp of the children of Judah, according to their armies: and over his hoſt was Nahſhon the ſon of Amminadab.

15 And over the hoſt of the tribe of the children of Iſſachar, was Nethaneel, the ſon of Zuar.

16 And over the hoſt of the tribe of the children of Zebulun, was Eliab the ſon of Helon.

17 And the tabernacle was taken down; and the ſons of Gerſhon and the ſons of Merari ſet forward, bearing the tabernacle.

18 And the ſtandard of the camp of Reuben ſet forward according to their armies: and over his hoſt was Elizur the ſon of Shedeur.

19 And over the hoſt of the tribe of the children of Simeon, was Shelumiel the ſon of Zuriſhaddai.

20 And over the hoſt of the tribe of the children of Gad, was Eliaſaph the ſon of Deuel.

21 And the Kohathites ſet forward, bearing the ſanctuary: and the other did ſet up the tabernacle againſt they came.

22 And the ſtandard of the camp of the children of Ephraim ſet forward according to their armies: and over his hoſt was Eliſhama the ſon of Ammihud.

23 And over the hoſt of the tribe of the children of Manaſſeh, was Gamaliel the ſon of Pedahzur.

24 And over the hoſt of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, was Abidan the ſon of Gideoni.

25 And the ſtandard of the camp of the children of Dan ſet forward, which was the rere-ward of all the camps throughout their hoſts: and over his hoſt was Ahiezer the ſon of Ammiſhaddai.

26 And over the hoſt of the tribe of the children of Aſher, was Pagiel the ſon of Ocran.

27 And over the hoſt of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, was Ahira the ſon of Enan:

28 Thus were the journeyings of the children of Iſrael, according to their armies, when they ſet forward.

29 And Moſes ſaid unto Hobab, the ſon of Raguel the Midianite, Moſes' father-in-law, We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord ſaid, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we

The tabernacle was taken down, ver. 17.] Noting, firſt, the inſtability of that legal, figurative worſhip; and, ſecondly, the unſettled eſtate of the Church and all its members in this world.

will do thee good: for the Lord hath ſpoken good concerning Iſrael.

30 And he ſaid unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred.

31 And he ſaid, Leave us not, I pray thee: foraſmuch as thou knoweſt how we are to encamp in the wilderneſs, and thou mayeſt be to us inſtead of eyes.

32 And it ſhall be, if thou go with us, yea, it ſhall be, that what goodneſs the Lord ſhall do unto us, the ſame will we do unto thee.

33 And they departed from the mount of the Lord three days journey: and the ark of the covenant of the Lord went before them in the three days journey, to ſearch out a reſting-place for them.

34 And the cloud of the Lord was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp.

35 And it came to paſs when the ark ſet forward, that Moſes ſaid, Riſe up, Lord, and let thine enemies be ſcattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.

36 And when it reſted, he ſaid, Return, O Lord, unto the many thouſands of Iſrael. o

CHAP. XI.

Manna loathed, &c.

AND when the people complained, it diſpleaſed the Lord: and the Lord heard it: and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the Lord burnt among them, and conſumed them that were in the uttermoſt parts of the camp.

2 And the people cried unto Moſes: and when Moſes prayed unto the Lord, the fire was quenched.

3 And he called the name of the place Taberah: becauſe the fire of the Lord burnt among them.

4 ¶ And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a luſting: and the children of Iſrael alſo wept again, and ſaid, Who ſhall give us fleſh to eat?

5 We remember the fiſh which we did eat in Egypt freely: the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:

6 But now our ſoul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beſide this manna, before our eyes.

7 And the manna was as coriander ſeed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium.

8 And the people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taſte of it was as the taſte of freſh oil.

9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

10 Then Moſes heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the Lord was kindled greatly; Moſes alſo was diſpleaſed.

11 And Moſes ſaid unto the Lord, Wherefore haſt thou afflicted thy ſervant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy ſight, that thou layeſt the burden of all this people upon me?

12 Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou ſhould-

The mixt multitude that was among them, ver. 4.] Who followed them out of carnal reſpects; and now finding themſelves diſappointed diſcover their evil minds.

eſt ſay unto me, Carry them in thy boſom, as a nurſing father beareth the ſucking child, unto the land which thou ſwareſt unto their fathers?

13 Whence ſhould I have fleſh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, ſaying, Give us fleſh, that we may eat.

14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, becauſe it is too heavy for me.

15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy ſight; and let me not ſee my wretchedneſs.

16 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Gather unto me ſeventy men of the elders of Iſrael, whom thou knoweſt to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may ſtand there with thee.

17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the ſpirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they ſhall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyſelf alone:

18 And ſay thou unto the people, Sanctify yourſelves againſt to-morrow, and ye ſhall eat fleſh: for ye have wept in the ears of the Lord, ſaying, Who ſhall give us fleſh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore the Lord will give you fleſh, and ye ſhall eat.

19 Ye ſhall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days;

20 But even a whole month, until it come out at your noſtrils, and it be loathſome unto you: becauſe that ye have deſpiſed the Lord which is among you, and have wept before him, ſaying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?

21 And Moſes ſaid, The people among whom I am, are ſix hundred thouſand footmen: and thou haſt ſaid, I will give them fleſh, that they may eat a whole month.

22 Shall the flocks and the herds be ſlain for them, to ſuffice them? or ſhall all the fiſh of the ſea be gathered together for them, to ſuffice them?

23 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Is the Lord's hand waxed ſhort? thou ſhalt ſee now whether my word ſhall come to paſs unto thee, or not.

24 And Moſes went out, and told the people the words of the Lord, and gathered the ſeventy men of the elders of the people, and ſet them round about the tabernacle.

25 And the Lord came down in a cloud, and ſpake unto him, and took of the ſpirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the ſeventy elders. And it came to paſs that when the ſpirit reſted upon them, they propheſied, and did not ceaſe.

26 But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the ſpirit reſted upon them, (and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle,) and they propheſied in the camp.

27 And there ran a young man, and told Moſes, and ſaid, Eldad and Medad do propheſy in the camp.

28 And Joſhua the ſon of Nun, the ſervant of Moſes, one of his young men,

Gather unto me, &c. ver. 16.] Though the ſpeech of Moſes was ſo full of diſtemper and paſſion, yet God commiſerates his condition, and takes no notice of his paſſion, but provides him a remedy.

anſwered and ſaid, My lord Moſes, forbid them.

29 And Moſes ſaid unto him, Envieſt thou for my ſake? would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his ſpirit upon them.

30 And Moſes gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Iſrael.

31 ¶ And there went forth a wind from the Lord, and brought quails from the ſea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this ſide, and as it were a day's journey on the other ſide, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high, upon the face of the earth.

32 And the people ſtood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered leaſt, gathered ten homers: and they ſpread them all abroad for themſelves round about the camp.

33 And while the fleſh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed; the wrath of the Lord was kindled againſt the people, and the Lord ſmote the people with a very great plague.

34 And he called the name of that place Kibroth-hattaavah: becauſe there they buried the people that luſted.

35 And the people journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah unto Hazeroth: and abode at Hazeroth.

CHAP. XII.

Miriam's and Aaron's ſedition, &c.

AND Miriam and Aaron ſpake againſt Moſes, becauſe of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married, for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

2 And they ſaid, Hath the Lord indeed ſpoken only by Moſes? hath he not ſpoken alſo by us? and the Lord heard it.

3 Now the man Moſes was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.

4 And the Lord ſpake ſuddenly unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.

5 And the Lord came down in the pillar of the cloud, and ſtood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam. And they both came forth.

6 And he ſaid, Hear now my words; If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myſelf known unto him in a viſion, and will ſpeak unto him in a dream.

7 My ſervant Moſes is not ſo, who is faithful in all mine houſe.

8 With him will I ſpeak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark ſpeeches; and the ſimilitude of the Lord ſhall he behold; wherefore then were ye not afraid to ſpeak againſt my ſervant Moſes?

9 And the anger of the Lord was kindled againſt them; and he departed.

10 ¶ And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and behold, Miriam became leprous, white as ſnow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and behold, ſhe was leprous.

11 And Aaron ſaid unto Moſes, Alas, my lord, I beſeech thee, lay not

Spoken alſo by us, ver. 2.] Why then ſhould not we have a ſhare in the government, at leaſt be adviſed with in matters of moment; eſpecially, as we never were guilty of debaſing and mingling the holy ſeed, as he has been.

the ſin upon us wherein we have done fooliſhly, and wherein we have ſinned.

12 Let her not be as one dead, of whom the fleſh is half conſumed, when he cometh out of his mother's womb.

13 And Moſes cried unto the Lord, ſaying, Heal her now, O God, I beſeech thee.

14 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, If her father had but ſpit in her face, ſhould ſhe not be aſhamed ſeven days? let her be ſhut out from the camp ſeven days, and after that let her be received in again.

15 And Miriam was ſhut out from the camp ſeven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again.

16 And afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderneſs of Paran.

CHAP. XIII.

The names, inſtructions, and acts of the ſpies.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Send thou men that they may ſearch the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Iſrael: of every tribe of their fathers ſhall ye ſend a man, every one a ruler among them.

3 And Moſes, by the commandment of the Lord, ſent them from the wilderneſs of Paran; all thoſe men were heads of the children of Iſrael:

4 And theſe were their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the ſon of Zaccur.

5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the ſon of Hori.

6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh.

7 Of the tribe of Iſſachar, Igal the ſon of Joſeph.

8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oſhea the ſon of Nun.

9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the ſon of Raphu.

10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the ſon of Sodi.

11 Of the tribe of Joſeph, namely, of the tribe of Manaſſeh, Gaddi the ſon of Suſi.

12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the ſon of Gemalli.

13 Of the tribe of Aſher, Sethur the ſon of Michael.

14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the ſon of Vophſi.

15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the ſon of Machi.

16 Theſe are the names of the men which Moſes ſent to ſpy out the land. And Moſes called Oſhea, the ſon of Nun, Jehoſhua.

17 ¶ And Moſes ſent them to ſpy out the land of Canaan, and ſaid unto them, Get ye up this way ſouth-ward, and go up into the mountain:

18 And ſee the land what it is, and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be ſtrong or weak, few or many;

19 And what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in ſtrong holds;

Jehoſhua, ver. 16.] Which ſignifies a Saviour; to note that he ſhould ſave the people from their enemies, the Canaanites, and bring them into the promiſed land, and therein be a notable type of Chriſt.

20 And what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be wood therein or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the firſt ripe grapes.

21 ¶ So they went up and ſearched the land, from the wilderneſs of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath.

22 And they aſcended by the ſouth, and came unto Hebron, where Ahiman, Sheſhai, and Talmai, the children of Anak were. (Now Hebron was built ſeven years before Zoan in Egypt).

23 And they came unto the brook of Eſhcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluſter of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a ſtaff: and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs.

24 The place was called the brook Eſhcol, becauſe of the cluſter of grapes which the children of Iſrael cut down from thence.

25 And they returned from ſearching of the land after forty days.

26 And they went and came to Moſes, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Iſrael, unto the wilderneſs of Paran, to Kadeſh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and ſhewed them the fruit of the land.

27 And they told him, and ſaid, We came unto the land whither thou ſenteſt us, and ſurely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.

28 Nevertheleſs, the people be ſtrong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover, we ſaw the children of Anak there.

29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the ſouth: and the Hittites, and the Jebuſites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the ſea, and by the coaſt of Jordan.

30 And Caleb ſtilled the people before Moſes, and ſaid, Let us go up at once, and poſſeſs it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31 But the men that went up with him, ſaid, We be not able to go up againſt the people; for they are ſtronger than we.

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had ſearched, unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, The land through which we have gone to ſearch it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we ſaw in it are men of a great ſtature.

33 And there we ſaw the giants, the ſons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own ſight as graſhoppers, and ſo we were in their ſight.

CHAP. XIV.

The people, murmuring at the report of the ſpies, are threatened.

AND all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.

2 And all the children of Iſrael murmured againſt Moſes, and againſt

And be ye of good courage, ver. 20.] Doubt not but God will preſerve you in this dangerous journey.

Aaron: and the whole congregation ſaid unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt, or would God we had died in this wilderneſs!

3 And wherefore hath the Lord brought us unto this land, to fall by the ſword, that our wives and our children ſhould be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

4 And they ſaid, one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.

5 Then Moſes and Aaron fell on their faces before all the aſſembly of the congregation of the children of Iſrael.

6 And Joſhua the ſon of Nun, and Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh, which were of them that ſearched the land, rent their clothes:

7 And they ſpake unto all the company of the children of Iſrael, ſaying, The land which we paſſed through to ſearch it, is an exceeding good land.

8 If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.

9 Only rebel not ye againſt the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the Lord is with us: fear them not.

10 But all the congregation bade, ſtone them with ſtones: and the glory of the Lord appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation, before all the children of Iſrael.

11 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the ſigns which I have ſhewed among them?

12 I will ſmite them with the peſtilence, and diſinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation, and mightier than they.

13 And Moſes ſaid unto the Lord, Then the Egyptians ſhall hear it, (for thou broughteſt up this people in thy might from among them,)

14 And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land; for they have heard that thou, Lord, art among this people, that thou, Lord, art ſeen face to face, and that thy cloud ſtandeth over them, and that thou goeſt before them by day-time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

15 Now if thou ſhalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee, will ſpeak, ſaying,

16 Becauſe the Lord was not able to bring this people into the land which he ſware unto them, therefore he hath ſlain them in the wilderneſs.

17 And now, I beſeech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou haſt ſpoken, ſaying,

18 The Lord is long-ſuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and tranſgreſſion, and by no means clearing the guilty, viſiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation.

19 Pardon, I beſeech thee, the iniquity of this people, according unto the greatneſs of thy mercy, and as thou haſt forgiven this people, from Egypt, even until now.

Their defence is departed, ver. 9.] Though hitherto God preſerved them from being deſtroyed, becauſe their ſins were not full, yet now he has withdrawn his help from them, and will give them up to deſtruction, and aſſiſt us.

20 And the Lord ſaid, I have pardoned according to thy word:

21 But as truly as I live, all the earth ſhall be filled with the glory of the Lord.

22 Becauſe all thoſe men which have ſeen my glory, and my miracles which I did in Egypt and in the wilderneſs, have tempted me now theſe ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

23 Surely they ſhall not ſee the land which I ſware unto their fathers, neither ſhall any of them that provoked me ſee it:

24 But my ſervant Caleb, becauſe he had another ſpirit with him, and hath followed me fully: him will I bring into the land, whereinto he went; and his ſeed ſhall poſſeſs it,

25 (Now the Amalekites, and the Canaanites, dwelt in the valley:) Tomorrow turn ye, and get ye into the wilderneſs, by the way of the Red-ſea.

26 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, ſaying,

27 How long ſhall I bear with this evil congregation which murmur againſt me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Iſrael, which they murmur againſt me.

28 Say unto them, As truly as I live, ſaith the Lord, as ye have ſpoken in mine ears, ſo will I do to you:

29 Your carcaſſes ſhall fall in this wilderneſs; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured againſt me.

30 Doubtleſs ye ſhall not come into the land concerning which I ſware to make you dwell therein, ſave Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh, and Joſhua the ſon of Nun.

31 But your little ones, which ye ſaid ſhould be a prey, them will I bring in, and they ſhall know the land which ye have deſpiſed.

32 But as for you, your carcaſſes they ſhall fall in this wilderneſs.

33 And your children ſhall wander in the wilderneſs forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcaſſes be waſted in the wilderneſs.

34 After the number of the days in which ye ſearched the land, even forty days, (each day for a year,) ſhall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye ſhall know my breach of promiſe.

35 I the Lord have ſaid, I will ſurely do it unto all this evil congregation that are gathered together againſt me: in this wilderneſs they ſhall be conſumed, and there they ſhall die.

36 And the men which Moſes ſent to ſearch the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur againſt him, by bringing up a ſlander upon the land;

37 Even thoſe men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the Lord.

38 But Joſhua the ſon of Nun, and Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to ſearch the land, lived ſtill.

39 And Moſes told theſe ſayings unto all the children of Iſrael: and the people mourned greatly.

40 And they roſe up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top

Ye ſhall know my breach of promiſe, ver. 34.] Whether I did break promiſe with you or no; and what it is to charge me therewith.

of the mountain, ſaying, Lo, we be here, and will go up unto the place which the Lord hath promiſed: for we have ſinned.

41 And Moſes ſaid, Wherefore now do ye tranſgreſs the commandment of the Lord? but it ſhall not proſper.

42 Go not up, for the Lord is not among you; that ye be not ſmitten before your enemies.

43 For the Amalekites, and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye ſhall fall by the ſword: becauſe ye are turned away from the Lord; therefore the Lord will not be with you.

44 But they preſumed to go up unto the hill-top: nevertheleſs, the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and Moſes departed not out of the camp.

45 Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and ſmote them, and diſcomfited them, even unto Hormah.

CHAP. XV.

The law of ſundry offerings, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, When ye be come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you,

3 And will make an offering by fire unto the Lord, a burnt-offering or a ſacrifice, in performing a vow, or in a free-will-offering, or in your ſolemn feaſts, to make a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord, of the herd, or of the flock;

4 Then ſhall he that offereth his offering unto the Lord, bring a meat-offering of a tenth-deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of oil.

5 And the fourth part of an hin of wine for a drink-offering ſhalt thou prepare, with the burnt-offering or ſacrifice, for one lamb.

6 Or for a ram thou ſhalt prepare for a meat-offering two tenth-deals of flour mingled with the third part of an hin of oil.

7 And for a drink-offering thou ſhalt offer the third part of an hin of wine, for a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord.

8 And when thou prepareſt a bullock for a burnt-offering, or for a ſacrifice in performing a vow, or peace-offerings unto the Lord:

9 Then ſhall he bring with a bullock a meat-offering of three tenth-deals of flour mingled with half an hin of oil.

10 And thou ſhalt bring for a drink-offering half an hin of wine, for an offering made by fire of a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord.

11 Thus ſhall it be done for one bullock, or for one ram, or for a lamb, or a kid.

12 According to the number that ye ſhall prepare, ſo ſhall ye do to every one, according to their number.

13 All that are born of the country ſhall do theſe things after this manner, in offering an offering made by fire of a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord.

14 And if a ſtranger ſojourn with you, or whoſoever be among you in

your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire of a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord; as ye do, ſo he ſhall do.

15 One ordinance ſhall be both for you of the congregation, and alſo for the ſtranger that ſojourneth with you, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye are, ſo ſhall the ſtranger be before the Lord.

16 One law and one manner ſhall be for you, and for the ſtranger that ſojourneth with you.

17 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

18 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, When ye come into the land whither I bring you,

19 Then it ſhall be, that when ye eat of the bread of the land, ye ſhall offer up an heave-offering unto the Lord.

20 Ye ſhall offer up a cake of the firſt of your dough for an heave-offering: as ye do the heave-offering of the threſhing-floor, ſo ſhall ye heave it.

21 Of the firſt of your dough ye ſhall give unto the Lord an heave-offering in your generations.

22 And if ye have erred, and not obſerved all theſe commandments which the Lord hath ſpoken unto Moſes,

23 Even all that the Lord hath commanded you by the hand of Moſes, from the day that the Lord commanded Moſes, and henceforward among your generations;

24 Then it ſhall be, if aught be committed by ignorance without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation ſhall offer one young bullock for a burnt-offering, for a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord, with his meat-offering, and his drink-offering, according to the manner, and one kid of the goats for a ſin-offering.

25 And the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Iſrael, and it ſhall be forgiven them; for it is ignorance: and they ſhall bring their offering, a ſacrifice made by fire unto the Lord, and their ſin-offering before the Lord, for their ignorance.

26 And it ſhall be forgiven all the congregation of the children of Iſrael, and the ſtranger that ſojourneth among them; ſeeing all the people were in ignorance.

27 And if any ſoul ſin through ignorance, then he ſhall bring a ſhe-goat of the firſt year for a ſin-offering:

28 And the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for the ſoul that ſinneth ignorantly, when he ſinneth by ignorance before the Lord, to make an atonement for him; and it ſhall be forgiven him.

29 Ye ſhall have one law for him that ſinneth through ignorance, both for him that is born among the children of Iſrael, and for the ſtranger that ſojourneth among them.

30 But the ſoul that doeth aught preſumptuouſly, (whether he be born in the land, or a ſtranger,) the ſame reproacheth the Lord; and that ſoul ſhall be cut off from among his people;

31 Becauſe he hath deſpiſed the word of the Lord, and hath broken his

Firſt of your dough, ver. 20.] Beſides the firſt-fruits, and tithes, and other gifts of their corn, to the prieſts, Levites, and poor.

commandment; that ſoul ſhall utterly be cut off: his iniquity ſhall be upon him.

32 ¶ And while the children of Iſrael were in the wilderneſs, they found a man that gathered ſticks upon the ſabbath-day:

33 And they that found him gathering ſticks brought him unto Moſes and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

34 And they put him in ward, becauſe it was not declared what ſhould be done to him.

35 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, The man ſhall be ſurely put to death: all the congregation ſhall ſtone him with ſtones without the camp.

36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and ſtoned him with ſtones, and he died; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

37 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

38 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments, throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue:

39 And it ſhall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them: and that ye ſeek not after your own heart, and your own eyes, after which ye uſe to go a whoring:

40 That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

41 I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the Lord your God.

CHAP. XVI.

The rebellion of Korah, &c.

NOW Korah the ſon of Izhar, the ſon of Kohath, the ſon of Levi; and Dathan and Abiram the ſons of Eliab, and On the ſon of Peleth, ſons of Reuben, took men:

2 And they roſe up before Moſes, with certain of the children of Iſrael, two hundred and fifty princes of the aſſembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:

3 And they gathered themſelves together againſt Moſes and againſt Aaron, and ſaid unto them, Ye take too much upon you, ſeeing all the congregation are holy every one of them, and the Lord is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourſelves above the congregation of the Lord?

4 And when Moſes heard it, he fell upon his face:

5 And he ſpake unto Korah, and unto all his company, ſaying, Even tomorrow the Lord will ſhew who are his, and who is holy; and will cauſe him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath choſen will he cauſe to come near unto him.

6 This do; take ye cenſers, Korah, and all his company;

7 And put fire therein, and put incenſe in them, before the Lord to-mor-

Ye take too much upon you, ver. 3.] Too much ſtate, honor, power, holineſs, in engroſſing this adminiſtration to yourſelves, wherein all the people might partake with you.

row: and it ſhall be, that the man whom the Lord doth chooſe, he ſhall be holy: ye take too much upon you, ye ſons of Levi.

8 And Moſes ſaid unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye ſons of Levi:

9 Seemeth it but a ſmall thing unto you, that the God of Iſrael hath ſeparated you from the congregation of Iſrael, to bring you near to himſelf, to do the ſervice of the tabernacle of the Lord, and to ſtand before the congregation, to miniſter unto them?

10 And he hath brought thee near to him, and all thy brethren the ſons of Levi with thee: and ſeek ye the prieſthood alſo?

11 For which cauſe both thou, and all thy company are gathered together againſt the Lord; and what is Aaron, that ye murmur againſt him?

12 And Moſes ſent to call Dathan and Abiram, the ſons of Eliab: which ſaid, We will not come up:

13 Is it a ſmall thing that thou haſt brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderneſs, except thou make thyſelf altogether a prince over us?

14 Moreover, thou haſt not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out the eyes of theſe men? we will not come up.

15 And Moſes was very wroth, and ſaid unto the Lord, Reſpect not thou their offering: I have not taken one aſs from them, neither have I hurt one of them.

16 And Moſes ſaid unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company before the Lord, thou, and they, and Aaron, tomorrow:

17 And take every man his cenſer, and put incenſe in them, and bring ye before the Lord every man his cenſer, two hundred and fifty cenſers; thou alſo, and Aaron, each of you his cenſer.

18 And they took every man his cenſer, and put fire in them, and laid incenſe thereon, and ſtood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moſes and Aaron.

19 And Korah gathered all the congregation againſt them, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto all the congregation.

20 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, ſaying,

21 Separate yourſelves from among this congregation, that I may conſume them in a moment.

22 And they fell upon their faces, and ſaid, O God, the God of the ſpirits of all fleſh, ſhall one man ſin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?

23 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

24 Speak unto the congregation, ſaying, Get ye up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

25 And Moſes roſe up, and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Iſrael followed him.

26 And he ſpake unto the congregation, ſaying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of theſe wicked men, and

I have not taken one aſs from them, ver. 15.] I have not uſed my authority to their oppreſſion, or wrong, in the leaſt particular; therefore they have no cauſe to complain of me for that; on the contrary, I have done them many good offices.

touch nothing of their's, leſt ye be conſumed in all their ſins.

27 So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every ſide: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and ſtood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their ſons, and their little children.

28 And Moſes ſaid, Hereby ye ſhall know that the Lord hath ſent me to do all theſe works; for I have not done them of mine own mind.

29 If theſe men die the common death of all men, or if they be viſited after the viſitation of all men; then the Lord hath not ſent me.

30 But if the Lord make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and ſwallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye ſhall underſtand that theſe men have provoked the Lord.

31 ¶ And it came to paſs, as he had made an end of ſpeaking all theſe words, that the ground clave aſunder that was under them:

32 And the earth opened her mouth, and ſwallowed them up, and their houſes, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods.

33 They and all that appertained to them went down alive into the pit, and the earth cloſed upon them: and they periſhed from among the congregation.

34 And all Iſrael, that were round about them, fled at the cry of them: for they ſaid, Leſt the earth ſwallow us up alſo.

35 And there came out a fire from the Lord, and conſumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incenſe.

36 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

37 Speak unto Eleazar the ſon of Aaron the prieſt, that he take up the cenſers out of the burning, and ſcatter thou the fire yonder; for they are hallowed.

38 The cenſers of theſe ſinners againſt their own ſouls, let them make them broad plates for a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the Lord, therefore they are hallowed: and they ſhall be a ſign unto the children of Iſrael.

39 And Eleazar the prieſt took the brazen cenſers, wherewith they that were burnt had offered; and they were made broad plates for a covering of the altar:

40 To be a memorial unto the children of Iſrael, that no ſtranger which is not of the ſeed of Aaron come near to offer incenſe before the Lord; that he be not as Korah, and as his company: as the Lord ſaid to him by the hand of Moſes.

41 ¶ But on the morrow, all the congregation of the children of Iſrael murmured againſt Moſes and againſt Aaron, ſaying, Ye have killed the people of the Lord.

42 And it came to paſs when the congregation was gathered againſt Moſes and againſt Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation; and behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord appeared.

43 And Moſes and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation.

44 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

And ſtood in the door of their tents, ver. 27.] As out-facing Moſes, and ſcorning the judgment he ſeemed to threaten.

45 Get you up from among this congregation, that I may conſume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces.

46 ¶ And Moſes ſaid unto Aaron, Take a cenſer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incenſe, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the Lord; the plague is begun.

47 And Aaron took as Moſes commanded, and ran into the midſt of the congregation; and behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incenſe, and made an atonement for the people.

48 And he ſtood between the dead and the living; and the plague was ſtayed.

49 Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thouſand and ſeven hundred, beſide them that died about the matter of Korah.

50 And Aaron returned unto Moſes, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was ſtayed.

CHAP. XVII.

Aaron's rod budding, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and take of every one of them a rod, according to the houſe of their fathers, of all their princes, according to the houſe of their fathers, twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod.

3 And thou ſhalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod ſhall be for the head of the houſe of their fathers.

4 And thou ſhalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation, before the teſtimony, where I will meet with you.

5 And it ſhall come to paſs, that the man's rod whom I ſhall chooſe, ſhall bloſſom: and I will make to ceaſe from me the murmurings of the children of Iſrael, whereby they murmur againſt you.

6 And Moſes ſpake unto the children of Iſrael, and every one of their princes gave him a rod a-piece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houſes, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among their rods.

7 And Moſes laid up the rods before the Lord, in the tabernacle of witneſs.

8 And it came to paſs, that on the morrow Moſes went into the tabernacle of witneſs; and behold, the rod of Aaron for the houſe of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed bloſſoms, and yielded almonds.

9 And Moſes brought out all the rods from before the Lord unto all the children of Iſrael: and they looked, and took every man his rod.

10 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Bring Aaron's rod again before the teſtimony, to be kept for a token againſt the rebels; and thou ſhalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die not.

11 And Moſes did ſo: as the Lord commanded him, ſo did he.

One rod, &c. ver. 3.] Though I have diſtinguiſhed the tribe of Levi into two parts, yet as in the other tribes there is but one rod for a tribe, ſo ſhall it be for the tribe of Levi.

12 And the children of Iſrael ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying, Behold, we die, we periſh, we all periſh.

13 Whoſoever cometh any thing near unto the tabernacle of the Lord, ſhall die: ſhall we be conſumed with dying?

CHAP. XVIII.

The charge of the prieſts and Levites, &c.

AND the Lord ſaid unto Aaron, Thou and thy ſons and thy father's houſe with thee ſhall bear the iniquity of the ſanctuary: and thou and thy ſons with thee ſhall bear the iniquity of your prieſthood.

2 And thy brethren alſo of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou with thee, that they may be joined unto thee, and miniſter unto thee: but thou and thy ſons with thee ſhall miniſter before the tabernacle of witneſs.

3 And they ſhall keep thy charge, and the charge of all the tabernacle: only they ſhall not come nigh the veſſels of the ſanctuary and the altar, that neither they, nor ye alſo die.

4 And they ſhall be joined unto thee, and keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, for all the ſervice of the tabernacle: and a ſtranger ſhall not come nigh unto you.

5 And ye ſhall keep the charge of the ſanctuary and the charge of the altar: that there be no wrath any more upon the children of Iſrael.

6 And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Iſrael: to you they are given as a gift for the Lord, to do the ſervice of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 Therefore thou and thy ſons with thee ſhall keep your prieſt's office for every thing of the altar, and within the vail; and ye ſhall ſerve: I have given your prieſt's office unto you, as a ſervice of gift: and the ſtranger that cometh nigh ſhall be put to death.

8 And the Lord ſpake unto Aaron, Behold, I alſo have given thee the charge of mine heave-offerings, of all the hallowed things of the children of Iſrael; unto thee have I given them, by reaſon of the anointing, and to thy ſons by an ordinance for ever.

9 ¶ This ſhall be thine of the moſt holy things, reſerved from the fire: every oblation of their's, every meat-offering of their's, and every ſin-offering of their's, and every treſpaſs-offering of their's, which they ſhall render unto me, ſhall be moſt holy for thee and for thy ſons.

10 In the moſt holy place ſhalt thou eat it; every male ſhall eat it: it ſhall be holy unto thee.

11 And this is thine; the heave-offering of their gift, with all the wave-offerings of the children of Iſrael; I have given them unto thee, and to thy ſons, and to thy daughters with thee, by a ſtatute for ever: every one that is clean in thy houſe ſhall eat of it.

12 All the beſt of the oil, and all the beſt of the wine, and of the wheat, the firſt-fruits of them which they ſhall offer unto the Lord, them I have given thee.

13 And whatſoever is firſt ripe in the land, which they ſhall bring unto the

We die, we periſh, ver. 12.] We are ever and anon cut off by ſome judgement or other, ſo that in a little while there will be an end of us all.

Lord, ſhall be thine; every one that is clean in thine houſe ſhall eat of it.

14 Every thing devoted in Iſrael ſhall be thine.

15 Every thing that openeth the matrix in all fleſh, which they bring unto the Lord, whether it be of men or beaſts, ſhall be thine; nevertheleſs, the firſt-born of man ſhalt thou ſurely redeem, and the firſtling of unclean beaſts ſhalt thou redeem.

16 And thoſe that are to be redeemed, from a month old ſhalt thou redeem, according to thine eſtimation, for the money of five ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, which is twenty gerahs.

17 But the firſtling of a cow, or the firſtling of a ſheep, or the firſtling of a goat, thou ſhalt not redeem; they are holy: thou ſhalt ſprinkle their blood upon the altar, and ſhalt burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord.

18 And the fleſh of them ſhall be thine, as the wave-breaſt, and as the right ſhoulder are thine.

19 All the heave-offerings of the holy things, which the children of Iſrael offer unto the Lord, have I given thee, and thy ſons and thy daughters with thee, by a ſtatute for ever: it is a covenant of ſalt for ever, before the Lord, unto thee and to thy ſeed with thee.

20 And the Lord ſpake unto Aaron, Thou ſhalt have no inheritance in their land, neither ſhalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part, and thine inheritance among the children of Iſrael.

21 ¶ And behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Iſrael, for an inheritance, for their ſervice which they ſerve, even the ſervice of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 Neither muſt the children of Iſrael henceforth come nigh the tabernacle of the congregation, leſt they bear ſin, and die.

23 But the Levites ſhall do the ſervice of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they ſhall bear their iniquity: it ſhall be a ſtatute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Iſrael they have no inheritance.

24 But the tithes of the children of Iſrael, which they offer as an heave-offering unto the Lord, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have ſaid unto them, Among the children of Iſrael they ſhall have no inheritance.

25 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

26 Thus ſpeak unto the Levites, and ſay unto them, When ye take of the children of Iſrael the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye ſhall offer up an heave-offering of it for the Lord, even a tenth part of the tithe.

27 And this your heave-offering ſhall be reckoned unto you as though it were the corn of the threſhing-floor, and as the fulneſs of the wine-preſs.

28 Thus ye alſo ſhall offer an heave-offering unto the Lord, of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Iſrael; and ye ſhall give thereof the Lord's heave-offering to Aaron the prieſt.

It is a covenant, ver. 19.] A promiſe, or privilege, beſtowed upon condition of your care about my worſhip.

29 Out of all your gifts ye ſhall offer every heave-offering of the Lord, of all the beſt thereof, even the hallowed part thereof out of it.

30 Therefore thou ſhalt ſay unto them, When ye have heaved the beſt thereof from it, then it ſhall be counted unto the Levites as the increaſe of the threſhing-floor, and as the increaſe of the wine-preſs.

31 And ye ſhall eat it in every place, ye and your houſholds: for it is your reward for your ſervice in the tabernacle of the congregation.

32 And ye ſhall bear no ſin by reaſon of it, when ye have heaved from it the beſt of it: neither ſhall ye pollute the holy things of the children of Iſrael, leſt ye die.

CHAP. XIX.

The water of ſeparation, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, ſaying,

2 This is the ordinance of the law which the Lord hath commanded, ſaying, Speak unto the children of Iſrael, that they bring thee a red heifer without ſpot, wherein is no blemiſh, and upon which never came yoke:

3 And ye ſhall give her unto Eleazar the prieſt, that he may bring her forth without the camp, and one ſhall ſlay her before his face:

4 And Eleazar the prieſt ſhall take of her blood with his finger, and ſprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation ſeven times:

5 And one ſhall burn the heifer in his ſight; her ſkin, and her fleſh, and her blood, with her dung, ſhall he burn:

6 And the prieſt ſhall take cedar-wood, and hyſſop and ſcarlet, and caſt it into the midſt of the burning of the heifer.

7 Then the prieſt ſhall waſh his clothes, and he ſhall bathe his fleſh in water, and afterward he ſhall come into the camp, and the prieſt ſhall be unclean until the even.

8 And he that burneth her, ſhall waſh his clothes in water, and bathe his fleſh in water, and ſhall be unclean until the even.

9 And a man that is clean ſhall gather up the aſhes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place, and it ſhall be kept for the congregation of the children of Iſrael, for a water of ſeparation: it is a purification for ſin.

10 And he that gathereth the aſhes of the heifer, ſhall waſh his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it ſhall be unto the children of Iſrael, and unto the ſtranger that ſojourneth among them, for a ſtatute for ever.

11 ¶ He that toucheth the dead body of any man, ſhall be unclean ſeven days.

12 He ſhall purify himſelf with it on the third day, and on the ſeventh day he ſhall be clean: but if he purify not himſelf the third day, then the ſeventh day he ſhall not be clean.

13 Whoſoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and puri-

Out of all your gifts, ver. 29.] Thoſe bleſſings which God gives you out of your own fields, and out of the gifts you receive from the people.

fieth not himſelf, defileth the tabernacle of the Lord; and that ſoul ſhall be cut off from Iſrael; becauſe the water of ſeparation was not ſprinkled upon him, he ſhall be unclean: his uncleanneſs is yet upon him.

14 This is the law, when a man dieth in a tent: all that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, ſhall be unclean ſeven days.

15 And every open veſſel which hath no covering bound upon it is unclean.

16 And whoſoever toucheth one that is ſlain with the ſword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, ſhall be unclean ſeven days.

17 And for an unclean perſon they ſhall take of the aſhes of the burnt heifer of purification for ſin, and running water ſhall be put thereto in a veſſel:

18 And a clean perſon ſhall take hyſſop, and dip it in the water, and ſprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the veſſels, and upon the perſons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one ſlain, or one dead, or a grave:

19 And the clean perſon ſhall ſprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the ſeventh day: and on the ſeventh day he ſhall purify himſelf, and waſh his clothes, and bathe himſelf in water, and ſhall be clean at even.

20 But the man that ſhall be unclean, and ſhall not purify himſelf, that ſoul ſhall be cut off from among the congregation: becauſe he hath defiled the ſanctuary of the Lord, the water of ſeparation hath not been ſprinkled upon him; he is unclean.

21 And it ſhall be a perpetual ſtatute unto them, that he that ſprinkleth the water of ſeparation, ſhall waſh his clothes, and he that toucheth the water of ſeparation, ſhall be unclean until even.

22 And whatſoever the unclean perſon toucheth, ſhall be unclean: and the ſoul that toucheth it, ſhall be unclean until even.

CHAP. XX.

Moſes bringeth water out of the rock, &c.

THEN came the children of Iſrael, even the whole congregation, into the deſert of Zin, in the firſt month: and the people abode in Kadeſh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

2 And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themſelves together againſt Moſes and againſt Aaron.

3 And the people chode with Moſes, and ſpake, ſaying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the Lord!

4 And why have ye brought up the congregation of the Lord into this wilderneſs, that we and our cattle ſhould die there?

5 And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of ſeed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink.

Shall waſh his clothes, ver. 21.] To teach, that this water did not cleanſe by any virtue in itſelf, but only by virtue of God's appointment.

6 And Moſes and Aaron went from the preſence of the aſſembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto them.

7 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

8 Take the rod, and gather thou the aſſembly together, thou and Aaron thy brother, and ſpeak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it ſhall give forth his water, and thou ſhalt bring forth to them water out of the rock; ſo thou ſhalt give the congregation and their beaſts drink.

9 And Moſes took the rod from before the Lord, as he commanded him.

10 And Moſes and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he ſaid unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; muſt we fetch you water out of this rock?

11 And Moſes lifted up his hand, and with his rod he ſmote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beaſts alſo.

12 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, and Aaron, Becauſe ye believed me not, to ſanctify me in the eyes of the children of Iſrael; therefore ye ſhall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

13 This is the water of Meribah, becauſe the children of Iſrael ſtrove with the Lord: and he was ſanctified in them.

14 ¶ And Moſes ſent meſſengers from Kadeſh unto the king of Edom, Thus ſaith thy brother Iſrael, Thou knoweſt all the travel that hath befallen us:

15 How our fathers went down into Egypt, and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians vexed us, and our fathers:

16 And when we cried unto the Lord, he heard our voice, and ſent an angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and behold, we are in Kadeſh, a city in the uttermoſt of thy border:

17 Let us paſs, I pray thee, through thy country: we will not paſs through the fields, or through the vineyards, neither will we drink of the water of the wells: we will go by the king's high-way, we will not turn to the right hand nor to the left, until we have paſſed thy borders:

18 And Edom ſaid unto him, Thou ſhalt not paſs by me, leſt I come out againſt thee with the ſword.

19 And the children of Iſrael ſaid unto him, We will go by the high-way: and if I and my cattle drink of thy water, then I will pay for it: I will only (without doing any thing elſe) go through on my feet.

20 And he ſaid, Thou ſhalt not go through. And Edom came out againſt him with much people, and with a ſtrong hand.

21 Thus Edom refuſed to give Iſrael paſſage through his border: wherefore Iſrael turned away from him.

22 ¶ And the children of Iſrael, even the whole congregation, journeyed from Kadeſh, and came unto mount Hor.

Speak ye unto the rock before their eyes, ver. 8.] To convince them of their infidelity; that the ſenſeleſs creatures ſhould ſooner hear and obey God than his own people.

23 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes and Aaron in mount Hor, by the coaſt of the land of Edom, ſaying,

24 Aaron ſhall be gathered unto his people: for he ſhall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Iſrael, becauſe ye rebelled againſt my word at the water of Meribah.

25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his ſon, and bring them up unto mount Hor:

26 And ſtrip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his ſon: and Aaron ſhall be gathered unto his people, and ſhall die there.

27 And Moſes did as the Lord commanded: and they went up into mount Hor, in the ſight of all the congregation.

28 And Moſes ſtripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his ſon; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount. And Moſes and Eleazar came down from the mount.

29 And when all the congregation ſaw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, even all the houſe of Iſrael.

CHAP. XXI.

The people bit by fiery ſerpents: are healed.

AND when king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the ſouth, heard tell that Iſrael came by the way of the ſpies: then he fought againſt Iſrael, and took ſome of them priſoners.

2 And Iſrael vowed a vow unto the Lord, and ſaid, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly deſtroy their cities.

3 And the Lord hearkened to the voice of Iſrael, and delivered up the Canaanites: and they utterly deſtroyed them, and their cities: and he called the name of the place Hormah.

4 ¶ And they journeyed from mount Hor, by the way of the Red-ſea, to compaſs the land of Edom: and the ſoul of the people was much diſcouraged becauſe of the way.

5 And the people ſpake againſt God, and againſt Moſes, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderneſs? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our ſoul loatheth this light bread.

6 And the Lord ſent fiery ſerpents among the people; and they bit the people; and much people of Iſrael died.

7 ¶ Therefore the people came to Moſes, and ſaid, We have ſinned, for we have ſpoken againſt the Lord, and againſt thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the ſerpents from us. And Moſes prayed for the people.

8 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Make thee a fiery ſerpent, and ſet it upon a pole: and it ſhall come to paſs, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, ſhall live.

9 And Moſes made a ſerpent of braſs, and put it upon a pole: and it came to paſs, that if a ſerpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the ſerpent of braſs, he lived.

10 ¶ And the children of Iſrael ſet forward, and pitched in Oboth.

Called the name of the place Hormah, ver. 3.] *i. e.* Devotement, or utter deſtruction. By this name they both ſet up a memorial of God's mercy, and their duty, to keep the vow they had made.

11 And they journeyed from Oboth, and pitched at Ije-abarim, in the wilderneſs which is before Moab, toward the ſun-riſing.

12 From thence they removed, and pitched in the valley of Zared.

13 From thence they removed, and pitched on the other ſide of Arnon, which is in the wilderneſs that cometh out of the coaſts of the Amorites: for Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

14 Wherefore it is ſaid in the book of the wars of the Lord, What he did in the Red-ſea, and in the brooks of Arnon,

15 And at the ſtream of the brooks that goeth down to the dwelling of Ar, and lieth upon the border of Moab.

16 And from thence they went to Beer: that is the well whereof the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, Gather the people together, and I will give them water.

17 Then Iſrael ſang this ſong, Spring up, O well; ſing ye unto it.

18 The princes digged the well, the nobles of the people digged it, by the direction of the law-giver, with their ſtaves. And from the wilderneſs they went to Mattanah:

19 And from Mattanah to Nahaliel: and from Nahaliel to Bamoth:

20 And from Bamoth in the valley that is in the country of Moab, to the top of Piſgah, which looketh toward Jeſhimon.

21 ¶ And Iſrael ſent meſſengers unto Sihon, king of the Amorites, ſaying,

22 Let me paſs through thy land: we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards; we will not drink of the waters of the well: but we will go along by the king's high-way, until we be paſt thy borders.

23 And Sihon would not ſuffer Iſrael to paſs through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out againſt Iſrael into the wilderneſs: and he came to Jahaz, and fought againſt Iſrael.

24 And Iſrael ſmote him with the edge of the ſword, and poſſeſſed his land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon was ſtrong.

25 And Iſrael took all theſe cities: and Iſrael dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heſhbon, and in all the villages thereof.

26 For Heſhbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought againſt the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Arnon.

27 Wherefore they that ſpeak in proverbs, ſay, Come into Heſhbon: let the city of Sihon be built and prepared:

28 For there is a fire gone out of Heſhbon, a flame from the city of Sihon: it hath conſumed Ar of Moab, and the lords of the high places of Arnon.

29 Wo to thee, Moab! thou art undone, O people of Chemoſh! he hath given his ſons that eſcaped, and his daughters into captivity unto Sihon king of the Amorites.

30 We have ſhot at them; Heſhbon is periſhed even unto Dibon, and we have laid them waſte even unto Nophah, which reacheth unto Medeba.

Wo to thee Moab! ver. 29.] In this clauſe the Amorites ſcoff at Chemoſh, the god of the Moabites; and therefore much more might the Iſraelites now take up this ſcoff againſt the Amorites.

31 Thus Iſrael dwelt in the land of the Amorites.

32 And Moſes ſent to ſpy out Jaazer, and they took the villages thereof, and drove out the Amorites that were there.

33 And they turned and went up by the way of Baſhan: and Og the king of Baſhan went out againſt them, he, and all his people, to the battle at Edrei.

34 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou ſhalt do to him as thou didſt unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heſhbon.

35 So they ſmote him, and his ſons, and all his people, until there was none left him alive: and they poſſeſſed his land.

CHAP. XXII.

Balak's firſt meſſage for Balaam is rejected, &c.

AND the children of Iſrael ſet forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab, on this ſide Jordan by Jericho.

2 And Balak the ſon of Zippor ſaw all that Iſrael had done to the Amorites.

3 And Moab was ſore afraid of the people, becauſe they were many: and Moab was diſtreſſed becauſe of the children of Iſrael.

4 And Moab ſaid unto the elders of Midian, Now ſhall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the graſs of the field. And Balak the ſon of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.

5 He ſent meſſengers therefore unto Balaam the ſon of Beor, to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, ſaying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: Behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over againſt me.

6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curſe me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I ſhall prevail, that we may ſmite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou bleſſeſt, is bleſſed, and he whom thou curſeſt, is curſed.

7 And the elders of Moab, and the elders of Midian departed, with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and ſpake unto him the words of Balak.

8 And he ſaid unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the Lord ſhall ſpeak unto me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam.

9 And God came unto Balaam, and ſaid, What men are theſe with thee?

10 And Balaam ſaid unto God, Balak the ſon of Zippor, king of Moab, hath ſent unto me, ſaying,

11 Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curſe me them; peradventure I ſhall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.

12 And God ſaid unto Balaam, Thou ſhalt not go with them, thou ſhalt not curſe the people: for they are bleſſed.

Balaam, ver. 5.] A ſoothſayer, famous for his enchantments and divinations, called a prophet, becauſe God did at preſent guide him to foretell things that were long after to come to paſs.

13 And Balaam roſe up in the morning, and ſaid unto the princes of Balak, Get ye into your land: for the Lord refuſeth to give me leave to go with you.

14 And the princes of Moab roſe up, and they went unto Balak, and ſaid, Balaam refuſeth to come with us.

15 ¶ And Balak ſent yet again princes more, and more honourable than they.

16 And they came to Balaam, and ſaid to him, Thus ſaith Balak the ſon of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me:

17 For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatſoever thou ſayeſt unto me. Come, therefore, I pray thee, curſe me this people.

18 And Balaam anſwered and ſaid unto the ſervants of Balak, If Balak would give me his houſe-full of ſilver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do leſs or more.

19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye alſo here this night, that I may know what the Lord will ſay unto me more.

20 And God came unto Balaam at night, and ſaid unto him, If the men come to call thee, riſe up, and go with them; but yet the word which I ſhall ſay unto thee, that ſhalt thou do.

21 And Balaam roſe up in the morning, and ſaddled his aſs, and went with the princes of Moab.

22 ¶ And God's anger was kindled becauſe he went: and the angel of the Lord ſtood in the way for an adverſary againſt him. Now he was riding upon his aſs, and his two ſervants were with him.

23 And the aſs ſaw the angel of the Lord ſtanding in the way, and his ſword drawn in his hand: and the aſs turned aſide out of the way, and went into the field. And Balaam ſmote the aſs, to turn her into the way,

24 But the angel of the Lord ſtood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this ſide, and a wall on that ſide.

25 And when the aſs ſaw the angel of the Lord, ſhe thruſt herſelf unto the wall, and cruſhed Balaam's foot againſt the wall. And he ſmote her again.

26 And the angel of the Lord went further, and ſtood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.

27 And when the aſs ſaw the angel of the Lord, ſhe fell down under Balaam. And Balaam's anger was kindled, and he ſmote the aſs with a ſtaff.

28 And the Lord opened the mouth of the aſs, and ſhe ſaid unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou haſt ſmitten me theſe three times?

29 And Balaam ſaid unto the aſs, Becauſe thou haſt mocked me: I would there were a ſword in mine hand; for now would I kill thee.

30 And the aſs ſaid unto Balaam, Am not I thine aſs, upon which thou haſt ridden ever ſince I was thine, unto this day? was I ever wont to do ſo unto thee? And he ſaid, Nay.

31 Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he ſaw the angel of

Becauſe he went, ver. 22.] With an ill intent, and contrary to the revealed will of God, though he now gave him leave in anger.

the Lord ſtanding in the way, and his ſword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

32 And the angel of the Lord ſaid unto him, Wherefore haſt thou ſmitten thine aſs theſe three times? behold, I went out to withſtand thee, becauſe thy way is perverſe before me.

33 And the aſs ſaw me, and turned from me theſe three times: unleſs ſhe had turned from me, ſurely now alſo I had ſlain thee, and ſaved her alive.

34 And Balaam ſaid unto the angel of the Lord, I have ſinned; for I knew not that thou ſtoodeſt in the way againſt me: now therefore if it diſpleaſe thee I will get me back again.

35 And the angel of the Lord ſaid unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I ſhall ſpeak unto thee, that thou ſhalt ſpeak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

36 ¶ And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him, unto a city of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, which is in the utmoſt coaſt.

37 And Balak ſaid unto Balaam, Did I not earneſtly ſend unto thee, to call thee? wherefore cameſt thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour?

38 And Balaam ſaid unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to ſay any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that ſhall I ſpeak.

39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kirjath-huzoth.

40 And Balak offered oxen and ſheep, and ſent to Balaam, and to the princes that were with him.

41 And it came to paſs on the morrow that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might ſee the utmoſt part of the people.

CHAP. XXIII.

Balak's ſacrifices: Balaam's parables.

AND Balaam ſaid unto Balak, Build me here ſeven altars, and prepare me here ſeven oxen, and ſeven rams.

2 And Balak did as Balaam had ſpoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram.

3 And Balaam ſaid unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt-offering, and I will go; peradventure the Lord will come to meet me: and whatſoever he ſheweth me, I will tell thee. And he went to an high place.

4 And God met Balaam: and he ſaid unto him, I have prepared ſeven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram.

5 And the Lord put a word in Balaam's mouth, and ſaid, Return unto Balak, and thus thou ſhalt ſpeak.

6 And he returned unto him, and lo, he ſtood by his burnt-ſacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab.

7 ¶ And he took up his parable, and ſaid, Balak, the king of Moab, hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the eaſt, ſaying, Come, curſe me Jacob, and come, defy Iſrael.

If it diſpleaſe thee, &c. ver. 34.] An impertinent trifling ſuppoſition, ſince God had manifeſted his diſlike of it again and again, which betrayed his unwillingneſs to return.

8 How ſhall I curſe whom God hath not curſed? or how ſhall I defy whom the Lord hath not defied?

9 For from the top of the rocks I ſee him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people ſhall dwell alone, and ſhall not be reckoned among the nations.

10 Who can count the duſt of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Iſrael? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my laſt end be like his!

11 And Balak ſaid unto Balaam, What haſt thou done unto me? I took thee to curſe mine enemies, and, behold, thou haſt bleſſed them altogether.

12 And he anſwered and ſaid, Muſt I not take heed to ſpeak that which the Lord hath put in my mouth?

13 ¶ And Balak ſaid unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place from whence thou mayeſt ſee them: thou ſhalt ſee but the utmoſt part of them, and ſhalt not ſee them all: and curſe me them from thence.

14 And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Piſgah, and built ſeven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.

15 And he ſaid unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt-offering, while I meet the Lord yonder.

16 And the Lord met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and ſaid, Go again unto Balak, and ſay thus.

17 And when he came to him, behold, he ſtood by his burnt-offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak ſaid unto him, What hath the Lord ſpoken?

18 And he took up his parable, and ſaid, Riſe up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou ſon of Zippor:

19 God is not a man that he ſhould lye; neither the ſon of man, that he ſhould repent: hath he ſaid, and ſhall he not do it? or hath he ſpoken, and ſhall he not make it good?

20 Behold, I have received commandment to bleſs: and he hath bleſſed; and I cannot reverſe it.

21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he ſeen perverſeneſs in Iſrael; the Lord his God is with him, and the ſhout of a king is among them.

22 God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the ſtrength of an unicorn.

23 Surely there is no inchantment againſt Jacob, neither is there any divination againſt Iſrael: according to this time it ſhall be ſaid of Jacob and of Iſrael, What hath God wrought?

24 Behold, the people ſhall riſe up as a great lion, and lift up himſelf as a young lion: he ſhall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the ſlain.

25 And Balak ſaid unto Balaam, Neither curſe them at all, nor bleſs them at all.

26 But Balaam anſwered and ſaid unto Balak, Told not I thee, ſaying, All that the Lord ſpeaketh, that I muſt do?

27 And Balak ſaid unto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee

Let me die the death of the righteous, ver. 10.] Here he teſtifies the ſoul's immortality, and the different ſtate of the good and bad in the world to come.

unto another place; peradventure it will pleaſe God that thou mayeſt curſe me them from thence.

28 ¶ And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh toward Jeſhimon.

29 And Balaam ſaid unto Balak, Build me here ſeven altars, and prepare me here ſeven bullocks, and ſeven rams.

30 And Balak did as Balaam had ſaid, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.

CHAP. XXIV.

Balaam propheſieth Iſrael's happineſs, &c.

AND when Balaam ſaw that it pleaſed the Lord to bleſs Iſrael, he went not, as at other times, to ſeek for inchantments, but he ſet his face toward the wilderneſs.

2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he ſaw Iſrael abiding in his tents according to their tribes: and the ſpirit of God came upon him.

3 And he took up his parable and ſaid, Balaam the ſon of Beor hath ſaid, and the man whoſe eyes are open hath ſaid:

4 He hath ſaid, which heard the words of God, which ſaw the viſion of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:

5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Iſrael!

6 As the valleys are they ſpread forth, as gardens by the river's ſide, as the trees of lign-aloes which the Lord hath planted, and as cedar-trees beſide the waters.

7 He ſhall pour the water out of his buckets, and his ſeed ſhall be in many waters, and his king ſhall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom ſhall be exalted.

8 God brought him forth out of Egypt: he hath as it were the ſtrength of an unicorn: he ſhall eat up the nations his enemies, and ſhall break their bones; and pierce them through with his arrows.

9 He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who ſhall ſtir him up? Bleſſed is he that bleſſeth thee, and curſed is he that curſeth thee.

10 And Balak's anger was kindled againſt Balaam, and he ſmote his hands together: and Balak ſaid unto Balaam, I called thee to curſe mine enemies, and behold, thou haſt altogether bleſſed them theſe three times.

11 Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honour, but lo, the Lord hath kept thee back from honour.

12 And Balaam ſaid unto Balak, Spake I not alſo to thy meſſengers which thou ſenteſt unto me, ſaying,

13 If Balak would give me his houſe-full of ſilver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the Lord, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the Lord ſaith, that will I ſpeak?

14 And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and I will advertiſe thee what this people ſhall do to thy people in the latter days.

The man whoſe eyes are open, ver. 3.] Whoſe underſtanding God has in a ſupernatural manner enlightened to diſcern what is to befal the Iſraelites in future ages.

15 ¶ And he took up his parable and ſaid, Balaam the ſon of Beor hath ſaid, and the man whoſe eyes are open hath ſaid:

16 He hath ſaid, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the moſt High, which ſaw the viſion of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open;

17 I ſhall ſee him, but not now: I ſhall behold him, but not nigh: there ſhall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter ſhall riſe out of Iſrael, and ſhall ſmite the corners of Moab, and deſtroy all the children of Sheth;

18 And Edom ſhall be a poſſeſſion, Seir alſo ſhall be a poſſeſſion for his enemies, and Iſrael ſhall do valiantly:

19 Out of Jacob ſhall come he that ſhall have dominion, and ſhall deſtroy him that remaineth of the city.

20 And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and ſaid, Amalek was the firſt of the nations, but his latter end ſhall be that he periſh for ever.

21 And he looked on the Kenites; and took up his parable, and ſaid, Strong is thy dwelling-place, and thou putteſt thy neſt in a rock:

22 Nevertheleſs, the Kenite ſhall be waſted until Aſſhur ſhall carry thee away captive.

23 And he took up his parable, and ſaid, Alas, who ſhall live when God doeth this!

24 And ſhips ſhall come from the coaſt of Chittim, and ſhall afflict Aſſhur, and ſhall afflict Eber, and he alſo ſhall periſh for ever.

25 And Balaam roſe up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak alſo went his way.

CHAP. XXV.

The Iſraelites' whoredom and idolatry, &c.

AND Iſrael abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.

2 And they called the people unto the ſacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods.

3 And Iſrael joined himſelf unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the Lord was kindled againſt Iſrael.

4 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the Lord againſt the ſun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may be turned away from Iſrael.

5 And Moſes ſaid unto the judges of Iſrael, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baal-peor.

6 ¶ And behold, one of the children of Iſrael came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitiſh woman, in the ſight of Moſes, and in the ſight of all the congregation of the children of Iſrael, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 And when Phinehas the ſon of Eleazar, the ſon of Aaron the prieſt, ſaw it, he roſe up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;

8 And he went after the man of Iſrael into the tent, and thruſt both of them through, the man of Iſrael, and

Periſh for ever, ver. 24.] This has been in part already fulfilled, in the utter overthrow of the Grecian empire, and the low eſtate whereto the Roman empire is fallen.

the woman through her belly. So the plague was ſtayed from the children of Iſrael.

9 And thoſe that died in the plague were twenty and four thouſand.

10 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

11 Phinehas the ſon of Eleazar, the ſon of Aaron the prieſt, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Iſrael while he was zealous for my ſake among them, that I conſumed not the children of Iſrael in my jealouſy.

12 Wherefore ſay, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace;

13 And he ſhall have it, and his ſeed after him, even the covenant of an everlaſting prieſthood: becauſe he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Iſrael.

14 Now the name of the Iſraelite that was ſlain, even that was ſlain with the Midianitiſh woman, was Zimri the ſon of Salu, a prince of a chief houſe among the Simeonites.

15 And the name of the Midianitiſh woman that was ſlain, was Cozbi the daughter of Zur; he was head over a people, and of a chief houſe in Midian.

16 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

17 Vex the Midianites, and ſmite them:

18 For they vex you with their wiles, wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian their ſiſter, which was ſlain in the day of the plague, for Peor's ſake.

CHAP. XXVI.

Iſrael numbered, &c.

AND it came to paſs after the plague that the Lord ſpake unto Moſes and unto Eleazar the ſon of Aaron the prieſt, ſaying,

2 Take the ſum of all the congregation of the children of Iſrael, from twenty years old and upward, throughout their fathers' houſe, all that are able to go to war in Iſrael.

3 And Moſes and Eleazar the prieſt ſpake with them in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, ſaying,

4 Take the ſum of the people, from twenty years old and upward; as the Lord commanded Moſes and the children of Iſrael, which went forth out of the land of Egypt.

5 Reuben the eldeſt ſon of Iſrael: the children of Reuben; Hanoch, of whom cometh the family of the Hanochites: of Pallu, the family of the Palluites:

6 Of Heſron, the family of the Heſronites: of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

7 Theſe are the families of the Reubenites: and they that were numbered of them were forty and three thouſand and ſeven hundred and thirty.

8 And the ſons of Pallu; Eliab.

9 And the ſons of Eliab; Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. This is that Dathan and Abiram which were famous in the congregation, who ſtrove againſt Moſes and againſt Aaron in the company of Korah, when they ſtrove againſt the Lord.

Vex you with their wiles, ver. 18.] Under pretence of kindred, friendſhip, leagues, and marriages, they inſinuate themſelves into you, and draw you to ſin, and ſo bring a curſe upon you.

10 And the earth opened her mouth and ſwallowed them up, together with Korah, when that company died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men: and they became a ſign.

11 Notwithſtanding, the children of Korah died not.

12 The ſons of Simeon, after their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites: of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites: of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites:

13 Of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites: of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

14 Theſe are the families of the Simeonites, twenty and two thouſand and two hundred.

15 The children of Gad after their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites: of Haggi, the family of the Haggites: of Shuni, the family of the Shunites:

16 Of Ozni, the family of the Oznites: of Eri, the family of the Erites:

17 Of Arod, the family of the Arodites: of Areli, the family of the Arelites.

18 Theſe are the families of the children of Gad, according to thoſe that were numbered of them, forty thouſand and five hundred.

19 The ſons of Judah were Er and Onan; and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

20 And the ſons of Judah after their families were; of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites: of Pharez, the family of the Pharzites: of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites:

21 And the ſons of Pharez were; of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites: of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

22 Theſe are the families of Judah, according to thoſe that were numbered of them, threeſcore and ſixteen thouſand and five hundred.

23 Of the ſons of Iſſachar after their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites: of Pua, the family of the Punites:

24 Of Jaſhub, the family of the Jaſhubites: of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

25 Theſe are the families of Iſſachar, according to thoſe that were numbered of them, threeſcore and four thouſand and three hundred.

26 Of the ſons of Zebulun after their families: of Sered, the family of the Sardites: of Elon, the family of the Elonites: of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

27 Theſe are the families of the Zebulunites, according to thoſe that were numbered of them, threeſcore thouſand and five hundred.

28 The ſons of Joſeph after their families, were Manaſſeh and Ephraim.

29 Of the ſons of Manaſſeh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites: and Machir begat Gilead: of Gilead came the family of the Gileadites.

30 Theſe are the ſons of Gilead: of Jeezer, the family of the Jeezerites: of Helek, the family of the Helekites:

31 And of Aſriel, the family of the Aſrielites: and of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites:

The children of Korah died not, ver. 11.] Either through not being guilty of their father's tranſgreſſion, or repenting of it.

32 And of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites: and of Hepher, the family of the Hepherites.

33 And Zelophehad the ſon of Hepher had no ſons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

34 Theſe are the families of Manaſſeh, and thoſe that were numbered of them, fifty and two thouſand and ſeven hundred.

35 Theſe are the ſons of Ephraim after their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthalites; of Becher, the family of the Bachrites: of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

36 And theſe are the ſons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

37 Theſe are the families of the ſons of Ephraim, according to thoſe that were numbered of them, thirty and two thouſand and five hundred. Theſe are the ſons of Joſeph after their families.

38 The ſons of Benjamin after their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites: of Aſhbel, the family of the Aſhbelites: of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites:

39 Of Shupham, the family of the Shuphamites: of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

40 And the ſons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: of Ard, the family of the Ardites: and of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

41 Theſe are the ſons of Benjamin after their families: and they that were numbered of them were forty and five thouſand and ſix hundred.

42 Theſe are the ſons of Dan after their familes: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. Theſe are the families of Dan after their families.

43 All the families of the Shuhamites, according to thoſe that were numbered of them, were threeſcore and four thouſand and four hundred.

44 Of the children of Aſher, after their families: of Jimna, the family of the Jimnites: of Jeſui, the family of the Jeſuites: of Beriah, the family of the Beriites.

45 Of the ſons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

46 And the name of the daughter of Aſher was Sarah.

47 Theſe are the families of the ſons of Aſher, according to thoſe that were numbered of them; who were fifty and three thouſand and four hundred.

48 Of the ſons of Naphtali after their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites: of Guni, the family of the Gunites.

49 Of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites: of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.

50 Theſe are the families of Naphtali, according to their families: and they that were numbered of them were forty and five thouſand and four hundred.

51 Theſe were the numbered of the children of Iſrael, ſix hundred thouſand and a thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty.

52 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

53 Unto theſe the land ſhall be divided for an inheritance, according to the number of the names.

54 To many thou ſhalt give the more inheritance, and to few thou ſhalt give the leſs inheritance: to every one ſhall his inheritance be given according to thoſe that were numbered of him.

55 Notwithſtanding, the land ſhall be divided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they ſhall inherit.

56 According to the lot ſhall the poſſeſſion thereof be divided, between many and few.

57 And theſe are they that were numbered of the Levites, after their families: of Gerſhon, the family of the Gerſhonites: of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites: of Merari, the family of the Merarites.

58 Theſe are the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Muſhites, the family of the Korathites: and Kohath begat Amram.

59 And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom her mother bare to Levi in Egypt: and ſhe bare unto Amram, Aaron and Moſes, and Miriam their ſiſter.

60 And unto Aaron was born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

61 And Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered ſtrange fire before the Lord.

62 And thoſe that were numbered of them were twenty and three thouſand, all males from a month old and upward: for they were not numbered among the children of Iſrael, becauſe there was no inheritance given them among the children of Iſrael,

63 Theſe are they that were numbered by Moſes and Eleazar the prieſt, who numbered the children of Iſrael in the plains of Moab, by Jordan near Jericho.

64 But among theſe there was not a man of them whom Moſes and Aaron the prieſt numbered, when they numbered the children of Iſrael in the wilderneſs of Sinai.

65 For the Lord had ſaid of them, They ſhall ſurely die in the wilderneſs. And there was not left a man of them, ſave Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh, and Joſhua the ſon of Nun.

CHAP. XXVII.

The law of inheritances, &c.

THEN came the daughters of Zelophehad the ſon of Hepher, the ſon of Gilead, the ſon of Machir, the ſon of Manaſſeh, of the families of Manaſſeh the ſon of Joſeph: and theſe are the names of his daughters; Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah.

2 And they ſtood before Moſes, and before Eleazar the prieſt, and before the princes, and all the congregation, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, ſaying,

3 Our father died in the wilderneſs, and he was not in the company of them

The land ſhall be divided, ver. 53.] They were to divide the land before they conquered it, to aſſure them that it ſhould be their's; and to teach them to live by faith.

that gathered themſelves together againſt the Lord in the company of Korah: but died in his own ſin; and had no ſons.

4 Why ſhould the name of our father be done away from among his family, becauſe he hath no ſon? give unto us therefore a poſſeſſion among the brethren of our father.

5 And Moſes brought their cauſe before the Lord.

6 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

7 The daughters of Zelophehad ſpeak right: thou ſhalt ſurely give them a poſſeſſion of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou ſhalt cauſe the inheritance of their father to paſs unto them.

8 And thou ſhalt ſpeak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, If a man die, and have no ſon, then ye ſhall cauſe his inheritance to paſs unto his daughter.

9 And if he have no daughter, then ye ſhall give his inheritance unto his brethren.

10 And if he have no brethren, then ye ſhall give his inheritance unto his father's brethren.

11 And if his father have no brethren, then ye ſhall give his inheritance unto his kinſman that is next to him of his family, and he ſhall poſſeſs it. And it ſhall be unto the children of Iſrael a ſtatute of judgement, as the Lord commanded Moſes.

12 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Get thee up into this mount Abarim, and ſee the land which I have given unto the children of Iſrael.

13 And when thou haſt ſeen it, thou alſo ſhalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered.

14 For ye rebelled againſt my commandment in the deſert of Zin, in the ſtrife of the congregation to ſanctify me at the water before their eyes: that is the water of Meribah, in Kadeſh, in the wilderneſs of Zin.

15 And Moſes ſpake unto the Lord, ſaying,

16 Let the Lord, the God of the ſpirits of all fleſh, ſet a man over the congregation,

17 Which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord be not as ſheep which have no ſhepherd.

18 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Take thee Joſhua the ſon of Nun, a man in whom is the ſpirit, and lay thine hand upon him:

19 And ſet him before Eleazar the prieſt, and before all the congregation: and give him a charge in their ſight.

20 And thou ſhalt put ſome of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Iſrael may be obedient.

21 And he ſhall ſtand before Eleazar the prieſt, who ſhall aſk counſel for him, after the judgement of Urim before the Lord: at his word ſhall they go out, and at his word they ſhall come in, both he, and all the children of Iſrael with him, even all the congregation:

22 And Moſes did as the Lord commanded him: and he took Joſhua, and

God of the ſpirits of all fleſh, ver. 16.] Who has created the ſouls of all, and therefore is moſt able to judge whoſe ſpirit is beſt qualified for this office, and who can beſtow a ſpirit anſwerable to ſo great a charge.

ſet him before Eleazar the prieſt, and before all the congregation:

23 And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moſes.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Offerings to be obſerved, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Command the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, My offering, and my bread for my ſacrifices made by fire, for a ſweet ſavour unto me, ſhall ye obſerve to offer unto me in their due ſeaſon.

3 ¶ And thou ſhalt ſay unto them, This is the offering made by fire, which ye ſhall offer unto the Lord; two lambs of the firſt year without ſpot day by day, for a continual burnt-offering.

4 The one lamb ſhalt thou offer in the morning, and the other lamb ſhalt thou offer at even;

5 And a tenth part of an ephah of flour for a meat-offering, mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil.

6 It is a continual burnt-offering, which was ordained in mount Sinai for a ſweet ſavour, a ſacrifice made by fire unto the Lord.

7 And the drink-offering thereof ſhall be the fourth part of an hin for the one lamb: in the holy place ſhalt thou cauſe the ſtrong wine to be poured unto the Lord for a drink-offering.

8 And the other lamb ſhalt thou offer at even: as the meat-offering of the morning, and as the drink-offering thereof, thou ſhalt offer it a ſacrifice made by fire of a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord.

9 ¶ And on the ſabbath-day, two lambs of the firſt year without ſpot, and two tenth-deals of flour for a meat-offering mingled with oil, and the drink-offering thereof.

10 This is the burnt-offering of every ſabbath, beſide the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

11 ¶ And in the beginnings of your months ye ſhall offer a burnt-offering unto the Lord; two young bullocks, and one ram, ſeven lambs of the firſt year without ſpot;

12 And three tenth-deals of flour for a meat-offering mingled with oil for one bullock, and two tenth-deals of flour for a meat-offering mingled with oil for one ram;

13 And a ſeveral tenth-deal of flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering unto one lamb, for a burnt-offering of a ſweet ſavour, a ſacrifice made by fire unto the Lord.

14 And their drink-offerings ſhall be half an hin of wine unto a bullock, and the third part of an hin unto a ram, and a fourth part of an hin unto a lamb: this is the burnt-offering of every month throughout the months of the year.

15 And one kid of the goats for a ſin-offering unto the Lord ſhall be offered, beſide the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

16 ¶ And in the fourteenth day of the firſt month is the paſſover of the Lord.

Two lambs, &c. ver. 9.] *i. e.* At morning, and two at night. As this day was a ſign of more than ordinary favours from God, ſo he required a greater teſtimony of their thankfulneſs and ſanctification.

17 And in the fifteenth day of this month is the feaſt; ſeven days ſhall unleavened bread be eaten.

18 In the firſt day ſhall be an holy convocation; ye ſhall do no manner of ſervile work therein:

19 But ye ſhall offer a ſacrifice made by fire for a burnt-offering unto the Lord; two young bullocks, and one ram, and ſeven lambs of the firſt year: they ſhall be unto you without blemiſh:

20 And their meat offering ſhall be of flour mingled with oil: three tenth-deals ſhall ye offer for a bullock, and two tenth-deals for a ram;

21 A ſeveral tenth-deal ſhalt thou offer for every lamb, throughout the ſeven lambs:

22 And one goat for a ſin-offering, to make an atonement for you.

23 Ye ſhall offer theſe beſide the burnt-offering in the morning, which is for a continual burnt-offering.

24 After this manner ye ſhall offer daily throughout the ſeven days, the meat of the ſacrifice made by fire, of a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord; it ſhall be offered beſide the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

25 And on the ſeventh day ye ſhall have an holy convocation; ye ſhall do no ſervile work.

26 ¶ Alſo in the day of the firſt-fruits, when ye bring a new meat-offering unto the Lord, after your weeks be out, ye ſhall have an holy convocation: ye ſhall do no ſervile work:

27 But ye ſhall offer the burnt-offering for a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord; two young bullocks, one ram, ſeven lambs of the firſt year;

28 And their meat-offering of flour mingled with oil, three tenth-deals unto one bullock, two tenth-deals unto one ram.

29 A ſeveral tenth-deal unto one lamb, throughout the ſeven lambs;

30 And one kid of the goats to make an atonement for you.

31 Ye ſhall offer them beſide the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, they ſhall be unto you without blemiſh, and their drink-offerings.

CHAP. XXIX.

The offering at the feaſt of trumpets, &c.

AND in the ſeventh month, on the firſt day of the month, ye ſhall have an holy convocation; ye ſhall do no ſervile work: it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you.

2 And ye ſhall offer a burnt-offering for a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord, one young bullock, one ram, and ſeven lambs of the firſt year without blemiſh;

3 And their meat-offering ſhall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth-deals for a bullock, and two tenth-deals for a ram,

4 And one tenth-deal for one lamb, throughout the ſeven lambs;

5 And one kid of the goats for a ſin-offering, to make an atonement for you:

6 Beſide the burnt-offering of the month, and his meat-offering, and the daily burnt-offering, and his meat-offer-

Blowing the trumpets, ver. 1.] Whereby the people were admoniſhed to prepare themſelves for the ſeveral feſtivals of this month; and alſo in memorial of God's giving the law with the ſound of a trumpet.

ing, and their drink-offerings, according unto their manner, for a ſweet ſavour, a ſacrifice made by fire unto the Lord.

7 ¶ And ye ſhall have on the tenth day of this ſeventh month an holy convocation: and ye ſhall afflict your ſouls: ye ſhall not do any work therein:

8 But ye ſhall offer a burnt-offering unto the Lord for a ſweet ſavour, one young bullock, one ram, and ſeven lambs of the firſt year, they ſhall be unto you without blemiſh:

9 And their meat-offering ſhall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth-deals to a bullock, and two tenth-deals to one ram,

10 A ſeveral tenth-deal for one lamb, throughout the ſeven lambs:

11 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering, beſide the ſin-offering of atonement, and the continual burnt-offering, and the meat-offering of it, and their drink-offerings.

12 ¶ And on the fifteenth day of the ſeventh month ye ſhall have an holy convocation; ye ſhall do no ſervile work, and ye ſhall keep a feaſt unto the Lord ſeven days.

13 And ye ſhall offer a burnt-offering, a ſacrifice made by fire, of a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord: thirteen young bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the firſt year, they ſhall be without blemiſh:

14 And their meat-offering ſhall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth-deals unto every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth-deals to each ram of the two rams,

15 And a ſeveral tenth-deal to each lamb of the fourteen lambs;

16 And one kid of the goats for a ſin-offering, beſide the continual burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

17 And on the ſecond day ye ſhall offer twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the firſt year without ſpot:

18 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, ſhall be according to their number, after the manner:

19 And one kid of the goats for a ſin-offering, beſide the continual burnt-offering, and the meat-offering thereof, and their drink-offerings.

20 And on the third day, eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the firſt year without blemiſh:

21 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, ſhall be according to their number, after the manner:

22 And one goat for a ſin-offering, beſide the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

23 And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the firſt year without blemiſh:

24 Their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, ſhall be according to their number, after the manner:

25 And one kid of the goats for a ſin-offering, beſide the continual burnt-

Twelve young bullocks, ver. 17.] In every one of the ſeven days of this feaſt one bullock is abated, to ſignify a diminiſhing or wearing away of the legal ſervice.

offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

26 And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the firſt year without ſpot:

27 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, ſhall be according to their number, after the manner:

28 And one goat for a ſin-offering, beſide the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

29 And on the ſixth day eight bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the firſt year without blemiſh:

30 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, ſhall be according to their number, after the manner:

31 And one goat for a ſin-offering, beſide the continual burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

32 And on the ſeventh day ſeven bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the firſt year without blemiſh:

33 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, ſhall be according to their number, after the manner:

34 And one goat for a ſin-offering, beſide the continual burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

35 On the eighth day ye ſhall have a ſolemn aſſembly: ye ſhall do no ſervile work therein.

36 But ye ſhall offer a burnt-offering, a ſacrifice made by fire, of a ſweet ſavour unto the Lord; one bullock, one ram, ſeven lambs of the firſt year without blemiſh:

37 Their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, ſhall be according to their number, after the manner:

38 And one goat for a ſin-offering, beſide the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

39 Theſe things ye ſhall do unto the Lord in your ſet feaſts, beſide your vows, and your free-will-offerings, for your burnt-offerings, and for your meat-offerings, and for your drink-offerings, and for your peace-offerings.

40 And Moſes told the children of Iſrael, according to all that the Lord commanded Moſes.

CHAP. XXX.

Vows are not to be broken.

AND Moſes ſpake unto the heads of the tribes, concerning the children of Iſrael, ſaying, This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded.

2 If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or ſwear an oath to bind his ſoul with a bond: he ſhall not break his word, he ſhall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

3 ¶ If a woman alſo vow a vow unto the Lord, and bind herſelf by a bond, being in her father's houſe in her youth;

Her youth, ver. 3.] Before they be of ſufficient underſtanding and ability to govern themſelves: not as if in their riper years they were freed from their parents' juriſdiction; but that in their younger years, they muſt, in this caſe, be ſubject to them.

4 And her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith ſhe hath bound her ſoul, and her father ſhall hold his peace at her: then all her vows ſhall ſtand, and every bond wherewith ſhe hath bound her ſoul ſhall ſtand.

5 But if her father diſallow her in the day that he heareth; not any of her vows, or of her bonds, wherewith ſhe hath bound her ſoul, ſhall ſtand: and the Lord ſhall forgive her, becauſe her father diſallowed her.

6 ¶ And if ſhe had at all an huſband when ſhe vowed, or uttered aught out of her lips, wherewith ſhe bound her ſoul;

7 And her huſband heard it, and held his peace at her in the day that he heard it: then her vows ſhall ſtand, and her bonds wherewith ſhe bound her ſoul ſhall ſtand.

8 But if her huſband diſallowed her on the day that he heard it; then he ſhall make her vow which ſhe vowed, and that which ſhe uttered with her lips, wherewith ſhe bound her ſoul, of none effect; and the Lord ſhall forgive her.

9 ¶ But every vow of a widow, and of her that is divorced, wherewith they have bound their ſouls, ſhall ſtand againſt her.

10 And if ſhe vowed in her huſband's houſe, or bound her ſoul by a bond with an oath;

11 And her huſband heard it, and held his peace at her, and diſallowed her not: then all her vows ſhall ſtand, and every bond wherewith ſhe bound her ſoul ſhall ſtand.

12 But if her huſband hath utterly made them void on the day he heard them; then whatſoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her ſoul, ſhall not ſtand: her huſband hath made them void; and the Lord ſhall forgive her.

13 Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the ſoul, her huſband may eſtabliſh it, or her huſband may make it void.

14 But if her huſband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day; then he eſtabliſheth all her vows, or all her bonds which are upon her: he confirmeth them, becauſe he held his peace at her in the day that he heard them.

15 But if he ſhall any ways make them void after that he hath heard them: then he ſhall bear her iniquity.

16 Theſe are the ſtatutes which the Lord commanded Moſes, between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter, being yet in her youth, in her father's houſe.

CHAP. XXXI.

The Midianites are ſpoiled, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Avenge the children of Iſrael of the Midianites: afterward ſhalt thou be gathered unto thy people.

3 And Moſes ſpake unto the people, ſaying, Arm ſome of yourſelves unto

He ſhall bear her iniquity, ver. 15.] She muſt not ſtrive againſt her huſband, and perform them whether he will or no, but forbear, though her vow was binding, for her huſband ſhall be puniſhed for the breach of her vows.

the war, and let them go againſt the Midianites, and avenge the Lord of Midian.

4 Of every tribe a thouſand, throughout all the tribes of Iſrael, ſhall ye ſend to the war.

5 So there were delivered out of the thouſands of Iſrael, a thouſand of every tribe, twelve thouſand armed for war.

6 And Moſes ſent them to the war, a thouſand of every tribe, them and Phinehas the ſon of Eleazar the prieſt, to the war, with the holy inſtruments, and the trumpets to blow, in his hand.

7 And they warred againſt the Midianites, as the Lord commanded Moſes; and they ſlew all the males.

8 And they ſlew the kings of Midian, beſide the reſt of them that were ſlain; namely, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian; Balaam alſo the ſon of Beor they ſlew with the ſword.

9 And the children of Iſrael took all the women of Midian captives, and their little ones, and took the ſpoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods.

10 And they burnt all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their goodly caſtles, with fire.

11 And they took all the ſpoil, and all the prey, both of men and of beaſts.

12 And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the ſpoil, unto Moſes and Eleazar the prieſt, and unto the congregation of the children of Iſrael, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which are by Jordan near Jericho.

13 And Moſes, and Eleazar the prieſt, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp.

14 And Moſes was wroth with the officers of the hoſt, with the captains over thouſands, and captains over hundreds, which came from the battle.

15 And Moſes ſaid unto them, Have ye ſaved all the women alive?

16 Behold, theſe cauſed the children of Iſrael, through the counſel of Balaam, to commit treſpaſs againſt the Lord in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the Lord.

17 Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him.

18 But all the women children that have not known a man by lying with him, keep alive for yourſelves:

19 ¶ And do ye abide without the camp ſeven days: whoſoever hath killed any perſon, and whoſoever hath touched any ſlain, purify both yourſelves and your captives, on the third day, and on the ſeventh day.

20 And purify all your raiment, and all that is made of ſkins, and all work of goats' hair, and all things made of wood.

21 And Eleazar the prieſt ſaid unto the men of war which went to the battle, This is the ordinance of the law which the Lord commanded Moſes;

22 Only the gold, and the ſilver, the braſs, the iron, the tin, and the lead,

Purify both yourſelves and your captives, ver. 19.] When the heathens were taken captive by the Iſraelites, they became their lawful poſſeſſion, and ſo were ſubject to the ſame laws with themſelves.

23 Every thing that may abide the fire, ye ſhall make it go through the fire, and it ſhall be clean; nevertheleſs it ſhall be purified with the water of ſeparation: and all that abideth not the fire, ye ſhall make go through the water.

24 And ye ſhall waſh your clothes on the ſeventh day, and ye ſhall be clean, and afterward ye ſhall come into the camp.

25 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

26 Take the ſum of the prey that was taken, both of man and of beaſt, thou, and Eleazar the prieſt, and the chief fathers of the congregation:

27 And divide the prey into two parts; between them that took the war upon them, who went out to battle, and between all the congregation.

28 And levy a tribute unto the Lord of the men of war which went out to battle; one ſoul of five hundred, both of the perſons, and of the beeves, and of the aſſes, and of the ſheep:

29 Take it of their half, and give it unto Eleazar the prieſt, for an heave-offering of the Lord.

30 And of the children of Iſrael's half, thou ſhalt take one portion of fifty, of the perſons, of the beeves, of the aſſes, and of the flocks, of all manner of beaſts, and give them unto the Levites which keep the charge of the tabernacle of the Lord.

31 And Moſes and Eleazar the prieſt did as the Lord commanded Moſes.

32 And the booty, being the reſt of the prey which the men of war had caught, was ſix hundred thouſand and ſeventy thouſand and five thouſand ſheep,

33 And threeſcore and twelve thouſand beeves,

34 And threeſcore and one thouſand aſſes,

35 And thirty and two thouſand perſons in all, of women that had not known man by lying with him.

36 And the half which was the portion of them that went out to war, was in number three hundred thouſand and ſeven and thirty thouſand and five hundred ſheep:

37 And the Lord's tribute of the ſheep was ſix hundred and threeſcore and fifteen.

38 And the beeves were thirty and ſix thouſand, of which the Lord's tribute was threeſcore and twelve.

39 And the aſſes were thirty thouſand and five hundred, of which the Lord's tribute was threeſcore and one.

40 And the perſons were ſixteen thouſand, of which the Lord's tribute was thirty and two perſons.

41 And Moſes gave the tribute, which was the Lord's heave-offering, unto Eleazar the prieſt, as the Lord commanded Moſes.

42 And of the children of Iſrael's half, which Moſes divided from the men that warred,

43 (Now the half that pertained unto the congregation, was three hundred thouſand and thirty thouſand and ſeven thouſand and five hundred ſheep,

44 And thirty and ſix thouſand beeves,

Abide the fire, ver. 23.] Perſons muſt feel the pangs of repentance proportionably to their ſtrength.

45 And thirty thouſand aſſes and five hundred,

46 And ſixteen thouſand perſons;)

47 Even of the children of Iſrael's half Moſes took one portion of fifty, both of man and of beaſt, and gave them unto the Levites which kept the charge of the tabernacle of the Lord; as the Lord commanded Moſes.

48 And the officers which were over thouſands of the hoſt, the captains of thouſands, and captains of hundreds, came near unto Moſes:

49 And they ſaid unto Moſes, Thy ſervants have taken the ſum of the men of war which are under our charge, and there lacketh not one man of us.

50 We have therefore brought an oblation for the Lord, what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, ear-rings, and tablets, to make an atonement for our ſouls before the Lord.

51 And Moſes and Eleazar the prieſt took the gold of them, even all wrought jewels.

52 And all the gold of the offering that they offered up to the Lord, of the captains of thouſands, and of the captains of hundreds, was ſixteen thouſand ſeven hundred and fifty ſhekels.

53 (For the men of war had taken ſpoil, every man for himſelf.)

54 And Moſes and Eleazar the prieſt took the gold of the captains of thouſands, and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation, for a memorial for the children of Iſrael before the Lord.

CHAP. XXXII.

The Reubenites and Gadites ſue for their inheritance on this ſide Jordan.

NOW the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they ſaw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that behold, the place was a place for cattle;

2 The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and ſpake unto Moſes, and to Eleazar the prieſt, and unto the princes of the congregation, ſaying.

3 Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heſhbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon,

4 Even the country which the Lord ſmote before the congregation of Iſrael, is a land for cattle, and thy ſervants have cattle:

5 Wherefore, ſaid they, if we have found grace in thy ſight, let this land be given unto thy ſervants for a poſſeſſion, and bring us not over Jordan.

6 And Moſes ſaid unto the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and ſhall ye ſit here?

7 And wherefore diſcourage ye the heart of the children of Iſrael from going over into the land which the Lord hath given them?

8 Thus did your fathers, when I ſent them from Kadeſh-barnea to ſee the land.

Sixteen thouſand ſeven hundred hnd fifty ſhekels, ver. 52.] Which was in value, thirty thouſand, five hundred, and ſixty-eight pounds, fifteen ſhillings.

9 For when they went up unto the valley of Eſhcol, and ſaw the land, they diſcouraged the heart of the children of Iſrael, that they ſhould not go into the land which the Lord had given them.

10 And the Lord's anger was kindled the ſame time, and he ſware, ſaying,

11 Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, ſhall ſee the land which I ſware unto Abraham, unto Iſaac, and unto Jacob; becauſe they have not wholly followed me:

12 Save Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joſhua the ſon of Nun: for they have wholly followed the Lord.

13 And the Lord's anger was kindled againſt Iſrael, and he made them wander in the wilderneſs forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the ſight of the Lord was conſumed.

14 And behold, ye are riſen up in your fathers' ſtead, an increaſe of ſinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of the Lord toward Iſrael.

15 For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderneſs: and ye ſhall deſtroy all this people.

16 And they came near unto him, and ſaid, We will build ſheep-folds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones.

17 But we ourſelves will go ready armed before the children of Iſrael, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones ſhall dwell in the fenced cities, becauſe of the inhabitants of the land.

18 We will not return unto our houſes until the children of Iſrael have inherited every man his inheritance.

19 For we will not inherit with them on yonder ſide Jordan, or forward; becauſe our inheritance is fallen to us on this ſide Jordan eaſt-ward.

20 And Moſes ſaid unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed before the Lord to war,

21 And will go all of you armed over Jordan before the Lord, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him,

22 And the land be ſubdued before the Lord: then afterward ye ſhall return, and be guiltleſs before the Lord, and before Iſrael; and this land ſhall be your poſſeſſion before the Lord.

23 But if ye will not do ſo, behold, ye have ſinned againſt the Lord: and be ſure your ſin will find you out.

24 Build ye cities for your little ones, and folds for your ſheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth.

25 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying, Thy ſervants will do as my lord commandeth.

26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, ſhall be there in the cities of Gilead:

27 But thy ſervants will paſs over, every man armed for war, before the Lord to battle, as my lord ſaith.

An increaſe of ſinful men, ver. 14.] A generation bred and brought up of men moſt ſinful, and ſucceeding them in their ſins.

28 So concerning them, Moſes commanded Eleazar the prieſt, and Joſhua the ſon of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Iſrael:

29 And Moſes ſaid unto them, If the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben, will paſs with you over Jordan, every man armed to battle before the Lord, and the land ſhall be ſubdued before you; then ye ſhall give them the land of Gilead for a poſſeſſion:

30 But if they will not paſs over with you armed, they ſhall have poſſeſſions among you in the land of Canaan.

31 And the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben anſwered, ſaying, As the Lord hath ſaid unto thy ſervants, ſo will we do.

32 We will paſs over armed before the Lord into the land of Canaan, that the poſſeſſion of our inheritance on this ſide Jordan may be ours.

33 And Moſes gave unto them, even to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and unto half the tribe of Manaſſeh the ſon of Joſeph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Baſhan, the land with the cities thereof, in the coaſts, even the cities of the country round about.

34 And the children of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer,

35 And Atroth, Shophan, and Jaazer, and Jogbehah,

36 And Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran, fenced cities: and folds for ſheep.

37 And the children of Reuben built Heſhbon, and Elealeh, and Kirjathaim.

38 And Nebo, and Baal-meon, (their names being changed,) and Shibmah: and gave other names unto the cities which they builded.

39 And the children of Machir, the ſon of Manaſſeh, went to Gilead, and took it, and diſpoſſeſſed the Amorite which was in it.

40 And Moſes gave Gilead unto Machir the ſon of Manaſſeh; and he dwelt therein.

41 And Jair the ſon of Manaſſeh went and took the ſmall towns thereof, and called them Havoth-jair.

42 And Nobah went and took Kenath, and the villages thereof, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

CHAP. XXXIII.

Two and forty journeys of the Iſraelites.

THESE are the journeys of the children of Iſrael, which went forth out of the land of Egypt, with their armies under the hand of Moſes and Aaron.

2 And Moſes wrote their goings-out according to their journeys, by the commandment of the Lord: and theſe are their journeys according to their goings-out.

3 And they departed from Rameſes in the firſt month, on the fifteenth day of the firſt month: on the morrow after the paſſover, the children of Iſrael went out with an high hand in the ſight of all the Egyptians.

Their journeys, by the commandment of the Lord, ver. 2.] Which was done to aſſure poſterity of the certainty of this ſtory, and to put them in mind of God's goodneſs and faithfulneſs, notwithſtanding their provocations.

4 (For the Egyptians buried all their firſt-born, which the Lord had ſmitten among them: upon their gods alſo the Lord executed judgements.)

5 And the children of Iſrael removed from Rameſes, and pitched in Succoth.

6 And they departed from Succoth, and pitched in Etham, which is in the edge of the wilderneſs.

7 And they removed from Etham, and turned again unto Pi-hahiroth, which is before Baal-zephon: and they pitched before Migdol.

8 And they departed from before Pi-hahiroth, and paſſed through the midſt of the ſea, into the wilderneſs, and went three days journey in the wilderneſs of Etham, and pitched in Marah.

9 And they removed from Marah, and came unto Elim; and in Elim were twelve fountains of water, and threeſcore and ten palm-trees; and they pitched there.

10 And they removed from Elim, and encamped by the Red-ſea.

11 And they removed from the Red-ſea, and encamped in the wilderneſs of Sin.

12 And they took their journey out of the wilderneſs of Sin, and encamped in Dophkah,

13 And they departed from Dophkah, and encamped in Aluſh.

14 And they removed from Aluſh, and encamped at Rephidim, where was no water for the people to drink.

15 And they departed from Rephidim, and pitched in the wilderneſs of Sinai.

16 And they removed from the deſert of Sinai, and pitched at Kibroth-hattaavah.

17 And they departed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and encamped at Hazeroth.

18 And they departed from Hazeroth, and pitched in Rithmah.

19 And they departed from Rithmah, and pitched at Rimmon-parez.

20 And they departed from Rimmon-parez, and pitched in Libnah.

21 And they removed from Libnah, and pitched at Riſſah.

22 And they journeyed from Riſſah, and pitched in Kehelathah.

23 And they went from Kehelathah, and pitched in mount Shapher.

24 And they removed from mount Shapher, and encamped in Haradah.

25 And they removed from Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth.

26 And they removed from Makheloth, and encamped at Tahath.

27 And they departed from Tahath, and pitched at Tarah.

28 And they removed from Tarah, and pitched in Mithcah.

29 And they went from Mithcah, and pitched in Haſhmonah.

30 And they departed from Haſhmonah, and encamped at Moſeroth.

31 And they departed from Moſeroth, and pitched in Bene-jaakan.

32 And they removed from Bene-jaakan, and encamped at Hor-hagidgad.

33 And they went from Hor-hagidgad, and pitched in Jotbathah.

34 And they removed from Jotbathah, and encamped at Ebronah.

35 And they departed from Ebronah, and encamped at Ezion-gaber.

36 And they removed from Ezion-gaber, and pitched in the wilderneſs of Zin, which is Kadeſh.

37 And they removed from Kadeſh, and pitched in mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.

38 And Aaron the prieſt went up into mount Hor, at the commandment of the Lord, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Iſrael were come out of the land of Egypt, in the firſt day of the fifth month.

39 And Aaron was an hundred and twenty and three years old when he died in mount Hor.

40 And king Arad the Canaanite (which dwelt in the ſouth, in the land of Canaan) heard of the coming of the children of Iſrael.

41 And they departed from mount Hor, and pitched in Zalmonah.

42 And they departed from Zalmonah, and pitched in Punon.

43 And they departed from Punon, and pitched in Oboth.

44 And they departed from Oboth, and pitched in Ije-abarim, in the border of Moab.

45 And they departed from Iim, and pitched in Dibon-gad.

46 And they removed from Dibon-gad, and encamped in Almon-diblathaim.

47 And they removed from Almon-diblathaim, and pitched in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo.

48 And they departed from the mountains of Abarim, and pitched in the plains of Moab, by Jordan near Jericho.

49 And they pitched by Jordan from Beth-jeſimoth, even unto Abel-ſhittim, in the plains of Moab.

50 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, in the plains of Moab, by Jordan near Jericho, ſaying,

51 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, When ye are paſſed over Jordan, into the land of Canaan;

52 Then ye ſhall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and deſtroy all their pictures, and deſtroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places.

53 And ye ſhall diſpoſſeſs the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to poſſeſs it.

54 And ye ſhall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families: and to the more ye ſhall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye ſhall give the leſs inheritance: every man's inheritance ſhall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers ye ſhall inherit.

55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it ſhall come to paſs, that thoſe which ye let remain of them ſhall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your ſides, and ſhall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.

56 Moreover, it ſhall come to paſs, that I ſhall do unto you as I thought to do unto them.

Pricks in your eyes, &c. ver. 55.] Continual ſnares to draw you into ſin, and conſequently into trouble and miſery.

CHAP. XXXIV.

The borders of the land, &c.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Command the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, When ye come into the land of Canaan; (this is the land that ſhall fall unto you for an inheritance, even the land of Canaan with the coaſts thereof:)

3 Then your ſouth-quarter ſhall be from the wilderneſs of Zin, along by the coaſt of Edom, and your ſouth-border ſhall be the utmoſt coaſt of the ſalt-ſea eaſt-ward.

4 And your border ſhall turn from the ſouth to the aſcent of Akrabbim, and paſs on to Zin: and the going-forth thereof ſhall be from the ſouth to Kadeſh-barnea, and ſhall go on to Hazar-addar, and paſs on to Azmon:

5 And the border ſhall fetch a compaſs from Azmon unto the river of Egypt, and the goings-out of it ſhall be at the ſea.

6 And as for the weſtern-border, ye ſhall even have the great ſea for a border. This ſhall be your weſt-border.

7 And this ſhall be your north-border: from the great ſea, ye ſhall point out for you mount Hor:

8 From mount Hor ye ſhall point out your border unto the entrance of Hamath: and the goings-forth of the border ſhall be to Zedad:

9 And the border ſhall go on to Ziphron, and the goings-out of it ſhall be at Hazar-enan. This ſhall be your north-border.

10 And ye ſhall point out your eaſt-border from Hazar-enan to Shepham.

11 And the coaſt ſhall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the eaſt-ſide of Aain; and the border ſhall deſcend, and ſhall reach unto the ſide of the ſea of Chinnereth eaſt-ward:

12 And the border ſhall go down to Jordan, and the goings-out of it ſhall be at the ſalt-ſea. This ſhall be your land, with the coaſts thereof round about.

13 And Moſes commanded the children of Iſrael, ſaying, This is the land which ye ſhall inherit by lot, which the Lord commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half-tribe:

14 For the tribe of the children of Reuben, according to the houſe of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad, according to the houſe of their fathers, have received their inheritance, and half the tribe of Manaſſeh have received their inheritance:

15 The two tribes and the half-tribe have received their inheritance on this ſide Jordan near Jericho, eaſt-ward, toward the ſun-riſing.

16 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

17 Theſe are the names of the men which ſhall divide the land unto you: Eleazar the prieſt, and Joſhua the ſon of Nun.

18 And ye ſhall take one prince of every tribe to divide the land by inheritance.

19 And the names of the men are theſe: of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh.

20 And of the tribe of the children of Simeon, Shemuel the ſon of Ammihud.

21 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the ſon of Chiſlon.

22 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Dan, Bukki the ſon of Jogli.

23 The prince of the children of Joſeph, for the tribe of the children of Manaſſeh, Hanniel the ſon of Ephod.

24 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Ephraim, Kemuel the ſon of Shiphtan.

25 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Zebulun, Elizaphan the ſon of Parnach.

26 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Iſſachar, Paltiel the ſon of Azzan.

27 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Aſher, Ahihud the ſon of Shelomi.

28 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, Pedahel the ſon of Ammihud:

29 Theſe are they whom the Lord commanded to divide the inheritance unto the children of Iſrael in the land of Canaan.

CHAP. XXXV.

Eight and forty cities given to the Levites.

AND the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, ſaying,

2 Command the children of Iſrael, that they give unto the Levites, of the inheritance of their poſſeſſion, cities to dwell in: and ye ſhall give alſo unto the Levites ſuburbs for the cities round about them.

3 And the cities ſhall they have to dwell in; and the ſuburbs of them ſhall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their beaſts.

4 And the ſuburbs of the cities which ye ſhall give unto the Levites, ſhall reach from the wall of the city, and outward, a thouſand cubits round about.

5 And ye ſhall meaſure from without the city on the eaſt-ſide two thouſand cubits, and on the ſouth-ſide two thouſand cubits, and on the weſt-ſide two thouſand cubits, and on the north-ſide two thouſand cubits: and the city ſhall be in the midſt: this ſhall be to them the ſuburbs of the cities.

6 ¶ And among the cities which ye ſhall give unto the Levites there ſhall be ſix cities for refuge, which ye ſhall appoint for the man-ſlayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye ſhall add forty and two cities.

7 So all the cities which ye ſhall give to the Levites ſhall be forty and eight cities: them ſhall ye give with their ſuburbs.

8 And the cities which ye ſhall give ſhall be of the poſſeſſion of the children of Iſrael: from them that have many ye ſhall give many; but from them that have few ye ſhall give few; every one ſhall give of his cities unto the Levites, according to his inheritance which he inheriteth.

Unto the Levites there ſhall be ſix cities, ver. 6.] To note, that it is only through Chriſt (whom the Levitical prieſthood did repreſent) that ſinners find refuge and ſafety from the deſtroyer.

9 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

10 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, When ye be come over Jordan, into the land of Canaan;

11 Then ye ſhall appoint you cities, to be cities of refuge for you; that the ſlayer may flee thither, which killeth any perſon at unawares.

12 And they ſhall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the man-ſlayer die not, until he ſtand before the congregation in judgement.

13 And of theſe cities which ye ſhall give, ſix cities ſhall ye have for refuge.

14 Ye ſhall give three cities on this ſide Jordan, and three cities ſhall ye give in the land of Canaan, which ſhall be cities of refuge.

15 Theſe ſix cities ſhall be a refuge, both for the children of Iſrael, and for the ſtranger, and for the ſojourner among them: that every one that killeth any perſon unawares may flee thither.

16 And if he ſmite him with an inſtrument of iron, ſo that he die, he is a murderer: the murderer ſhall ſurely be put to death.

17 And if he ſmite him with throwing a ſtone, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer ſhall ſurely be put to death.

18 Or, if he ſmite him with an hand-weapon of wood, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer ſhall ſurely be put to death.

19 The revenger of blood himſelf ſhall ſlay the murderer: when he meeteth him, he ſhall ſlay him.

20 But if he thruſt him of hatred, or hurl at him by laying of wait, that he die;

21 Or in enmity ſmite him with his hand, that he die: he that ſmote him ſhall ſurely be put to death; for he is a murderer: the revenger of blood ſhall ſlay the murderer, when he meeteth him.

22 But if he thruſt him ſuddenly without enmity, or have caſt upon him any thing without laying of wait;

23 Or with any ſtone wherewith a man may die, ſeeing him not, and caſt it upon him that he die, and was not his enemy, neither ſought his harm:

24 Then the congregation ſhall judge between the ſlayer and the revenger of blood, according to theſe judgements:

25 And the congregation ſhall deliver the ſlayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation ſhall reſtore him to the city of his refuge whither he was fled: and he ſhall abide in it unto the death of the high-prieſt, which was anointed with the holy oil.

26 But if the ſlayer ſhall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled:

27 And the revenger of blood find him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the revenger of blood kill the ſlayer; he ſhall not be guilty of blood:

28 Becauſe he ſhould have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high-prieſt; but after the death of the high-prieſt the ſlayer ſhall return into the land of his poſſeſſion.

29 So theſe things ſhall be for a ſtatute of judgement unto you, throughout your generations, in all your dwellings.

Thruſt him of hatred, ver. 20.] Though he ſtruck him only with his hand, if it proceeded from an inward grudge, and forethought malice, or inveterate hatred, he was to be adjudged a murderer.

30 Whoſo killeth any perſon, the murderer ſhall be put to death by the mouth of witneſſes: but one witneſs ſhall not teſtify againſt any perſon to cauſe him to die.

31 Moreover, ye ſhall take no ſatisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death: but he ſhall be ſurely put to death.

32 And ye ſhall take no ſatisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he ſhould come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the prieſt.

33 So ye ſhall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleanſed of the blood that is ſhed therein, but by the blood of him that ſhed it.

34 Defile not therefore the land which ye ſhall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I the Lord dwell among the children of Iſrael.

CHAP. XXXVI.

The inheritance of daughters, &c.

AND the chief fathers of the families of the children of Gilead, the ſon of Machir, the ſon of Manaſſeh, of the families of the ſons of Joſeph, came near, and ſpake before Moſes, and before the princes the chief fathers of the children of Iſrael:

2 And they ſaid, The Lord commanded my lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the children of Iſrael: and my lord was commanded by the Lord to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother unto his daughters.

3 And if they be married to any of the ſons of the other tribes of the children of Iſrael; then ſhall their inheritance be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and ſhall be put to the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: ſo ſhall it be taken from the lot of our inheritance.

4 And when the jubilee of the children of Iſrael ſhall be, then ſhall their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: ſo ſhall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

5 And Moſes commanded the children of Iſrael, according to the word of the Lord, ſaying, The tribe of the ſons of Joſeph hath ſaid well.

6 This is the thing which the Lord doth command concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, ſaying, Let them marry to whom they think beſt; only to the family of the tribe of their father ſhall they marry.

7 So ſhall not the inheritance of the children of Iſrael remove from tribe to tribe: for every one of the children of Iſrael ſhall keep himſelf to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 And every daughter, that poſſeſſeth an inheritance, in any tribe of the children of Iſrael, ſhall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Iſrael may enjoy every man the inheritance of his fathers.

9 Neither ſhall the inheritance remove from one tribe to another tribe;

Chief fathers of the families, ver. 1.] Thoſe to whom it belonged to conſider of ſuch matters as were of general concernment to the whole tribe.

but every one of the tribes of the children of Iſrael ſhall keep himſelf to his own inheritance.

10 ¶ Even as the Lord commanded Moſes, ſo did the daughters of Zelophehad:

11 For Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married unto their father's brother's ſons:

12 And they were married into the families of the ſons of Manaſſeh the ſon of Joſeph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.

13 Theſe are the commandments and the judgements which the Lord commanded by the hand of Moſes, unto the children of Iſrael, in the plains of Moab, by Jordan near Jericho.

THE FIFTH BOOK OF MOSES,

CALLED

DEUTERONOMY.

CHAP. I.

Moſes in the end of the fortieth year briefly rehearſeth the ſtory of God's promiſe.

THESE be the words which Moſes ſpake unto all Iſrael on this ſide Jordan in the wilderneſs, in the plain over-againſt the Red-ſea, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

2 (There are eleven days journey from Horeb, by the way of mount Seir, unto Kadeſh-barnea.)

3 And it came to paſs in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the firſt day of the month, that Moſes ſpake unto the children of Iſrael, according unto all that the Lord had given him in commandment unto them;

4 After he had ſlain Sihon the king of the Amorites, which dwelt in Heſhbon, and Og the king of Baſhan, which dwelt at Aſtaroth in Edrei:

5 On this ſide Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moſes to declare this law, ſaying,

6 ¶ The Lord our God ſpake unto us in Horeb, ſaying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount:

7 Turn ye, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto all the places nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the ſouth, and by the ſea-ſide; to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates.

8 Behold, I have ſet the land before you: go in and poſſeſs the land which the Lord ſware unto your fathers, Abraham, Iſaac, and Jacob, to give unto them, and to their ſeed after them.

Moſes ſpake unto all Iſrael, ver. 1.] *i. e.* To the chief of each tribe, who communicated it to the reſt.

9 And I ſpake unto you at that time, ſaying, I am not able to bear you myſelf alone:

10 The Lord your God hath multiplied you, and behold, ye are this day as the ſtars of heaven for multitude:

11 (The Lord God of your fathers make you a thouſand times ſo many more as ye are, and bleſs you as he hath promiſed you!)

12 How can I myſelf alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your ſtrife?

13 Take ye wiſe men and underſtanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you.

14 And ye anſwered me, and ſaid, The thing which thou haſt ſpoken is good for us to do.

15 So I took the chief of your tribes, wiſe men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thouſands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes.

16 And I charged your judges at that time, ſaying, Hear the cauſes between your brethren, and judge righteouſly between every man and his brother, and the ſtranger that is with him.

17 Ye ſhall not reſpect perſons in judgement, but ye ſhall hear the ſmall as well as the great: ye ſhall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgement is God's, and the cauſe that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it.

18 And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye ſhould do.

19 And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderneſs, which ye ſaw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the Lord our God commanded us; and we came to Kadeſh-barnea.

20 And I ſaid unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorites, which the Lord our God doth give unto us.

21 Behold, the Lord thy God hath ſet the land before thee: go up, and poſſeſs it, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath ſaid unto thee; fear not, neither be diſcouraged.

22 And ye came near unto me every one of you, and ſaid, We will ſend men before us, and they ſhall ſearch us out the land, and bring us word again by what way we muſt go up, and into what cities we ſhall come.

23 And the ſaying pleaſed me well. And I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe:

24 And they turned, and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Eſhcol, and ſearched it out.

25 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto us, and brought us word again, and ſaid, It is a good land which the Lord our God doth give us.

26 Notwithſtanding, ye would not go up, but rebelled againſt the commandment of the Lord your God:

27 And ye murmured in your tents, and ſaid, Becauſe the Lord hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to deſtroy us.

The judgement is God's, ver. 17.] Adminiſtered by his authority, according to his directions, and for his intereſt; and therefore he will defend you againſt all your enemies.

28 Whither ſhall we go up? our brethren have diſcouraged our heart, ſaying, The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great, and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have ſeen the ſons of the Anakims there.

29 Then I ſaid unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them.

30 The Lord your God which goeth before you, he ſhall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes;

31 And in the wilderneſs, where thou haſt ſeen how that the Lord thy God bare thee as a man doth bear his ſon, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.

32 Yet in this thing ye did not believe the Lord your God,

33 Who went in the way before you to ſearch you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to ſhew you by what way ye ſhould go, and in a cloud by day.

34 ¶ And the Lord heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and ſware, ſaying,

35 Surely there ſhall not one of theſe men of this evil generation ſee that good land which I ſware to give unto your fathers;

36 Save Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh; he ſhall ſee it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, becauſe he hath wholly followed the Lord.

37 Alſo the Lord was angry with me for your ſakes, ſaying, Thou alſo ſhalt not go in thither.

38 But Joſhua the ſon of Nun, which ſtandeth before thee, he ſhall go in thither. Encourage him: for he ſhall cauſe Iſrael to inherit it.

39 Moreover, your little ones, which ye ſaid ſhould be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they ſhall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they ſhall poſſeſs it.

40 But as for you, turn ye, and take your journey into the wilderneſs by the way of the Red-ſea.

41 ¶ Then ye anſwered and ſaid unto me, We have ſinned againſt the Lord: we will go up and fight, according to all that the Lord our God commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye were ready to go up into the hill.

42 And the Lord ſaid unto me, Say unto them, go not up, neither fight; for I am not among you; leſt ye be ſmitten before your enemies.

43 So I ſpake unto you: and ye would not hear, but rebelled againſt the commandment of the Lord, and went preſumptuouſly up into the hill.

44 And the Amorites which dwelt in that mountain came out againſt you, and chaſed you as bees do, and deſtroyed you in Seir, even unto Hormah.

45 And ye returned, and wept before the Lord: but the Lord would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you.

46 So ye abode in Kadeſh many days, according unto the days that ye abode there.

Bare thee as a man doth bear his ſon, ver. 31.] Carried you through unpaſſable difficulties, and bore with your perverſeneſs and rebellions.

CHAP. II.

The ſtory is continued touching the Edomites, &c.

THEN we turned, and took our journey into the wilderneſs, by the way of the Red-ſea, as the Lord ſpake unto me: and we compaſſed mount Seir many days.

2 And the Lord ſpake unto me, ſaying,

3 Ye have compaſſed this mountain long enough; turn ye north-ward.

4 And command thou the people, ſaying, Ye are to paſs through the coaſt of your brethren the children of Eſau, which dwell in Seir; and they ſhall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourſelves therefore:

5 Meddle not with them: for I will not give you of their land, no not ſo much as a foot breadth; becauſe I have given mount Seir unto Eſau for a poſſeſſion.

6 Ye ſhall buy meat of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye ſhall alſo buy water of them for money, that ye may drink.

7 For the Lord thy God hath bleſſed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderneſs: theſe forty years the Lord thy God hath been with thee; thou haſt lacked nothing.

8 And when we paſſed by from our brethren the children of Eſau, which dwelt in Seir, through the way of the plain, from Elath, and from Ezion-gaber, we turned and paſſed by the way of the wilderneſs of Moab.

9 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto me, Diſtreſs not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land for a poſſeſſion; becauſe I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a poſſeſſion.

10 (The Emims dwelt therein in times paſt, a people great and many, and tall as the Anakims;

11 Which alſo were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites call them Emims.

12 The Horims alſo dwelt in Seir before-time; but the children of Eſau ſucceeded them when they had deſtroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their ſtead; as Iſrael did unto the land of his poſſeſſion, which the Lord gave unto them.)

13 Now riſe up, ſaid I, and get ye over the brook Zered: and we went over the brook Zered.

14 And the ſpace in which we came from Kadeſh-barnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, was thirty and eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were waſted out from among the hoſt, as the Lord ſware unto them.

15 For indeed the hand of the Lord was againſt them, to deſtroy them from among the hoſt, until they were conſumed.

16 So it came to paſs, when all the men of war were conſumed and dead from among the people,

17 That the Lord ſpake unto me, ſaying,

Buy meat of them, ver. 6.] Therefore they did eat other meat in the wilderneſs, beſides manna, when they could get it.

18 ¶ Thou art to paſs over through Ar, the coaſt of Moab, this day:

19 And when thou comeſt nigh over-againſt the children of Ammon, diſtreſs them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any poſſeſſion; becauſe I have given it unto the children of Lot for a poſſeſſion.

20 (That alſo was accounted a land of giants; giants dwelt therein in old time, and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims;

21 A people great, and many, and tall as the Anakims: but the Lord deſtroyed them before them, and they ſucceeded them, and dwelt in their ſtead:

22 As he did to the children of Eſau which dwelt in Seir, when he deſtroyed the Horims from before them, and they ſucceeded them, and dwelt in their ſtead even unto this day:

23 And the Avims, which dwelt in Hazerim, even unto Azzah; the Caphtorims, which came forth out of Caphtor, deſtroyed them, and dwelt in their ſtead.)

24 ¶ Riſe ye up, take your journey, and paſs over the river Arnon; behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite king of Heſhbon, and his land: begin to poſſeſs it, and contend with him in battle.

25 This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations that are under the whole heaven, who ſhall hear report of thee, and ſhall tremble, and be in anguiſh becauſe of thee.

26 And I ſent meſſengers out of the wilderneſs of Kedemoth unto Sihon king of Heſhbon, with words of peace, ſaying,

27 Let me paſs through thy land: I will go along by the high-way, I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left:

28 Thou ſhalt ſell me meat for money, that I may eat: and give me water for money, that I may drink: only I will paſs through on my feet:

29 (As the children of Eſau, which dwell in Seir, and the Moabites, which dwell in Ar, did unto me;) until I ſhall paſs over Jordan, into the land which the Lord our God giveth us.

30 But Sihon king of Heſhbon would not let us paſs by him: for the Lord thy God hardened his ſpirit, and made his heart obſtinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as appeareth this day.

31 And the Lord ſaid unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to poſſeſs, that thou mayeſt inherit his land.

32 Then Sihon came out againſt us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.

33 And the Lord our God delivered him before us; and we ſmote him, and his ſons, and all his people.

34 And we took all his cities at that time, and utterly deſtroyed the men, and the women, and the little ones of every city, we left none to remain:

35 Only the cattle we took for a prey unto ourſelves, and the ſpoil of the cities which we took.

36 From Aroer which is by the brink of the river of Arnon, and from the city

that is by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too ſtrong for us: the Lord our God delivered all unto us.

37 Only unto the land of the children of Ammon thou cameſt not, nor unto any place of the river Jabbok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto whatſoever the Lord our God forbade us.

CHAP. III.

Of Og king of Baſhan, &c.

THEN we turned, and went up the way to Baſhan: and Og the king of Baſhan came out againſt us, he and all his people, to battle, at Edrei.

2 And the Lord ſaid unto me, Fear him not: for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land into thy hand; and thou ſhalt do unto him as thou didſt unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heſhbon.

3 So the Lord our God delivered into our hands Og alſo the king of Baſhan, and all his people: and we ſmote him until none was left to him remaining.

4 And we took all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we took not from them; threeſcore cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Baſhan.

5 All theſe cities were fenced with high walls, gates, and bars: beſide unwalled towns, a great many.

6 And we utterly deſtroyed them, as we did unto Sihon king of Heſhbon, utterly deſtroying the men, women, and children, of every city.

7 But all the cattle, and the ſpoil of the cities, we took for a prey to ourſelves.

8 And we took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites the land that was on this ſide Jordan, from the river of Arnon unto mount Hermon;

9 (Which Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion: and the Amorites call it Shenir;)

10 All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Baſhan, unto Salchah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Baſhan.

11 For only Og king of Baſhan remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bed-ſtead was a bed-ſtead of iron: is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

12 And this land which we poſſeſſed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

13 And the reſt of Gilead, and all Baſhan, being the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half-tribe of Manaſſeh; all the region of Argob, with all Baſhan, which was called the land of giants.

14 Jair the ſon of Manaſſeh took all the country of Argob, unto the coaſts of Geſhuri, and Maachathi; and called them after his own name, Baſhan-havoth-jair, unto this day.

15 And I gave Gilead unto Machir.

16 And unto the Reubenites, and unto the Gadites, I gave, from Gilead even unto the river Arnon, half the

Is it not in Rabbath, ver. 11.] It might be taken in ſome war, and kept as a glorious trophy of their victory; or given as a preſent to the Amorites, and ſo kept as a memorial of the vaſt ſtature of this king.

valley, and the border, even unto the river Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon;

17 The plain alſo, and Jordan, and the coaſt thereof, from Chinnereth, even unto the ſea of the plain, even the ſalt-ſea, under Aſhdoth-piſgah, eaſt-ward.

18 And I commanded you at that time, ſaying, The Lord your God hath given you this land to poſſeſs it: ye ſhall paſs over armed before your brethren the children of Iſrael, all that are meet for the war:

19 But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle, (for I know that ye have much cattle) ſhall abide in your cities which I have given you;

20 Until the Lord have given reſt unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and until they alſo poſſeſs the land which the Lord your God hath given them beyond Jordan: and then ſhall ye return every man unto his poſſeſſion which I have given you.

21 And I commanded Joſhua at that time, ſaying, Thine eyes have ſeen all that the Lord your God hath done unto theſe two kings: ſo ſhall the Lord do unto all the kingdoms whither thou paſſeſt.

22 Ye ſhall not fear them: for the Lord your God he ſhall fight for you.

23 ¶ And I beſought the Lord at that time, ſaying,

24 O Lord God, thou haſt begun to ſhew thy ſervant thy greatneſs, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?

25 I pray thee, let me go over, and ſee the good land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon.

26 ¶ But the Lord was wroth with me for your ſakes, and would not hear me. And the Lord ſaid unto me, Let it ſuffice thee; ſpeak no more unto me of this matter.

27 Get thee up into the top of Piſgah, and lift up thine eyes weſt-ward, and north-ward, and ſouth-ward, and eaſt-ward, and behold it with thine eyes: for thou ſhalt not go over this Jordan.

28 But charge Joſhua, and encourage him, and ſtrengthen him: for he ſhall go over before this people, and he ſhall cauſe them to inherit the land which thou ſhalt ſee.

29 So we abode in the valley over-againſt Beth-peor.

CHAP. IV.

An exhortation to obedience.

NOW therefore hearken, O Iſrael, unto the ſtatutes and unto the judgements which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and poſſeſs the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you.

2 Ye ſhall not add unto the word which I command you, neither ſhall ye diminiſh aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

3 Your eyes have ſeen what the Lord did, becauſe of Baal-peor: for all the men that followed Baal-peor the

Charge Joſhua, ver. 28.] Inſtruct him in all things that are required for the diſcharge of his office, according to my directions.

Lord thy God hath deſtroyed them from among you.

4 But ye that did cleave unto the Lord your God are alive every one of you this day.

5 Behold, I have taught you ſtatutes and judgements, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye ſhould do ſo in the land whither ye go to poſſeſs it.

6 Keep therefore and do them: for this is your wiſdom and your underſtanding in the ſight of the nations which ſhall hear all theſe ſtatutes, and ſay, Surely this great nation is a wiſe and underſtanding people.

7 For what nation is there ſo great, who hath God ſo nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

8 And what nation is there ſo great, that hath ſtatutes and judgements ſo righteous as all this law which I ſet before you this day?

9 Only take heed to thyſelf, and keep thy ſoul diligently, leſt thou forget the things which thine eyes have ſeen, and leſt they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy ſons, and thy ſons' ſons;

10 Specially the day that thou ſtoodeſt before the Lord thy God in Horeb, when the Lord ſaid unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they ſhall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.

11 And ye came near, and ſtood under the mountain: and the mountain burned with fire unto the midſt of heaven, with darkneſs, clouds, and thick darkneſs.

12 And the Lord ſpake unto you out of the midſt of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but ſaw no ſimilitude, only ye heard a voice.

13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of ſtone.

14 And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you ſtatutes and judgements, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to poſſeſs it.

15 Take ye therefore good heed unto yourſelves, (for ye ſaw no manner of ſimilitude on the day that the Lord ſpake unto you in Horeb out of the midſt of the fire)

16 Leſt ye corrupt yourſelves and make you a graven image, the ſimilitude of any figure, the likeneſs of male or female,

17 The likeneſs of any beaſt that is on the earth, the likeneſs of any winged fowl that flieth in the air,

18 The likeneſs of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeneſs of any fiſh that is in the waters beneath the earth;

19 And leſt thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou ſeeſt the ſun, and the moon, and the ſtars, even all the hoſt of heaven, ſhouldeſt be driven to worſhip them, and ſerve them, which the Lord thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

Ye that did cleave unto the Lord your God, ver. 4.] By firm affiance, conſtant obedience, entire affection, faithful ſervice, and worſhip of him alone.

20 But the Lord hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day.

21 Furthermore, the Lord was angry with me for your ſakes, and ſware that I ſhould not go over Jordan, and that I ſhould not go in unto that good land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance:

22 But I muſt die in this land, I muſt not go over Jordan: but ye ſhall go over, and poſſeſs that good land.

23 Take heed unto yourſelves, leſt ye forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeneſs of any thing which the Lord thy God hath forbidden thee.

24 For the Lord thy God is a conſuming fire, even a jealous God.

25 When thou ſhalt beget children, and children's children, and ye ſhall have remained long in the land, and ſhall corrupt yourſelves, and make a graven image, or the likeneſs of any thing, and ſhall do evil in the ſight of the Lord thy God to provoke him to anger;

26 I call heaven and earth to witneſs againſt you this day, that ye ſhall ſoon utterly periſh from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to poſſeſs it: ye ſhall not prolong your days upon it, but ſhall utterly be deſtroyed.

27 And the Lord ſhall ſcatter you among the nations, and ye ſhall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the Lord ſhall lead you.

28 And there ſhall ye ſerve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and ſtone, which neither ſee, nor hear, nor eat, nor ſmell.

29 But if from thence thou ſhalt ſeek the Lord thy God, thou ſhalt find him, if thou ſeek him with all thy heart and with all thy ſoul.

30 When thou art in tribulation, and all theſe things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and ſhalt be obedient unto his voice;

31 For the Lord thy God is a merciful God; he will not forſake thee, neither deſtroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he ſware unto them.

32 For aſk now of the days that are paſt, which were before thee, ſince the day that God created man upon the earth, and aſk from the one ſide of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any ſuch thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it?

33 Did ever people hear the voice of God ſpeaking out of the midſt of the fire, as thou haſt heard, and live?

34 Or hath God aſſayed to go, and take him a nation from the midſt of another nation, by temptations, by ſigns, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a ſtretched-out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

35 Unto thee it was ſhewed, that thou mighteſt know that the Lord he is God: there is none elſe beſide him.

Out of the iron furnace, ver. 20.] A place of cruel bondage, and oppreſſion, wherein they met with much hardſhip, rigour, and ſeverity, in order to try and purge them.

36 Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might inſtruct thee: and upon earth he ſhewed thee his great fire, and thou heardeſt his words out of the midſt of the fire.

37 And becauſe he loved thy fathers, therefore he choſe their ſeed after them, and brought thee out in his ſight with his mighty power out of Egypt;

38 To drive out nations from before thee, greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day.

39 Know therefore this day, and conſider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none elſe.

40 Thou ſhalt keep therefore his ſtatutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayeſt prolong thy days upon the earth which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for ever.

41 ¶ Then Moſes ſevered three cities on this ſide Jordan toward the ſun-riſing;

42 That the ſlayer might flee thither, which ſhould kill his neighbour unawares, and hated him not in times paſt; and that fleeing unto one of theſe cities he might live;

43 Namely, Bezer in the wilderneſs, in the plain country, of the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, of the Gadites; and Golan in Baſhan, of the Manaſſites.

44 And this is the law which Moſes ſet before the children of Iſrael:

45 Theſe are the teſtimonies, and the ſtatutes, and the judgements, which Moſes ſpake unto the children of Iſrael after they came forth out of Egypt:

46 On this ſide Jordan, in the valley over-againſt Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heſhbon, whom Moſes and the children of Iſrael ſmote, after they were come forth out of Egypt:

47 And they poſſeſſed his land, and the land of Og king of Baſhan, two kings of the Amorites, which were on this ſide Jordan toward the ſun-riſing;

48 From Aroer, which is by the bank of the river Arnon, even unto mount Sion, which is Hermon,

49 And all the plain on this ſide Jordan eaſt-ward, even unto the ſea of the plain, under the ſprings of Piſgah.

CHAP. V.

The covenant in Horeb.

AND Moſes called all Iſrael, and ſaid unto them, Hear, O Iſrael, the ſtatutes and judgements which I ſpeak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep and do them.

2 The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

3 The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day.

4 The Lord talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midſt of the fire;

5 (I ſtood between the Lord and you at that time, to ſhew you the word of

Greater and mightier than thou art, ver. 38.] In reſpect of the land of Sihon and Og, which they were now in poſſeſſion of, as an earneſt of further victories.

the Lord: for ye were afraid, by reaſon of the fire, and went not up into the mount;) ſaying,

6 ¶ I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the houſe of bondage.

7 Thou ſhalt have none other gods before me.

8 Thou ſhalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeneſs of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth:

9 Thou ſhalt not bow down thyſelf unto them, nor ſerve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, viſiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me,

10 And ſhewing mercy unto thouſands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

11 Thou ſhalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltleſs that taketh his name in vain.

12 Keep the ſabbath-day to ſanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee.

13 Six days thou ſhalt labour, and do all thy work;

14 But the ſeventh day is the ſabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou ſhalt not do any work, thou, nor thy ſon, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-ſervant, nor thy maid-ſervant, nor thine ox, nor thine aſs, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy ſtranger that is within thy gates; that thy man-ſervant and thy maid-ſervant may reſt as well as thou.

15 And remember that thou waſt a ſervant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand, and by a ſtretched-out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the ſabbath-day.

16 Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

17 Thou ſhalt not kill.

18 Neither ſhalt thou commit adultery.

19 Neither ſhalt thou ſteal.

20 Neither ſhalt thou bear falſe witneſs againſt thy neighbour.

21 Neither ſhalt thou deſire thy neighbour's wife, neither ſhalt thou covet thy neighbour's houſe, his field, or his man-ſervant, or his maid-ſervant, his ox, or his aſs, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.

22 ¶ Theſe words the Lord ſpake unto all your aſſembly in the mount, out of the midſt of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkneſs, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of ſtone, and delivered them unto mē.

23 And it came to paſs, when ye heard the voice out of the midſt of the darkneſs (for the mountain did burn with fire) that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders;

24 And ye ſaid, Behold, the Lord our God hath ſhewed us his glory and

He added no more, ver. 22.] At that time, and in that immediate manner: this being the peculiar pre-eminence of the moral law above the reſt.

his greatneſs, and we have heard his voice out of the midſt of the fire: we have ſeen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth.

25 Now therefore why ſhould we die? for this great fire will conſume us. If we hear the voice of the Lord our God any more, then we ſhall die.

26 For who is there of all fleſh that hath heard the voice of the living God, ſpeaking out of the midſt of the fire, as we have, and lived?

27 Go thou near, and hear all that the Lord our God ſhall ſay: and ſpeak thou unto us all that the Lord our God ſhall ſpeak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it.

28 And the Lord heard the voice of your words, when ye ſpake unto me; and the Lord ſaid unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have ſpoken unto thee: they have well ſaid all that they have ſpoken.

29 O that there were ſuch an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them and with their children for ever!

30 Go, ſay to them, Get ye into your tents again.

31 But as for thee, ſtand thou here by me, and I will ſpeak unto thee all the commandments, and the ſtatutes, and the judgements, which thou ſhalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to poſſeſs it.

32 Ye ſhall obſerve to do therefore as the Lord your God hath commanded you: ye ſhall not turn aſide to the right-hand or to the left.

33 Ye ſhall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye ſhall poſſeſs.

CHAP. VI.

The end of the law is obedience.

NOW theſe are the commandments, the ſtatutes, and the judgements, which the Lord your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to poſſeſs it:

2 That thou mighteſt fear the Lord thy God, to keep all his ſtatutes and his commandments which I command thee: thou, and thy ſon, and thy ſon's ſon, all the days of thy life, and that thy days may be prolonged.

3 ¶ Hear therefore, O Iſrael, and obſerve to do it: that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increaſe mightily, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promiſed thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

4 Hear, O Iſrael, the Lord our God is one Lord:

5 And thou ſhalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy ſoul, and with all thy might.

6 And theſe words which I command thee this day ſhall be in thine heart:

7 And thou ſhalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and ſhalt talk of them when thou ſitteſt in thine houſe, and when thou walkeſt by the way, and when thou lieſt down, and when thou riſeſt up.

Shall not turn aſide, &c. ver. 32.] By ſuperſtitious additions to God's commands, nor by a bold or profane neglect or contempt of any one of them.

8 And thou ſhalt bind them for a ſign upon thine hand, and they ſhall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9 And thou ſhalt write them upon the poſts of thy houſe, and on thy gates.

10 And it ſhall be when the Lord thy God ſhall have brought thee into the land which he ſware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Iſaac, and to Jacob, to give thee, great and goodly cities, which thou buildedſt not,

11 And houſes full of all good things, which thou filledſt not, and wells digged, which thou diggedſt not, vineyards and olive-trees, which thou plantedſt not, when thou ſhalt have eaten, and be full;

12 Then beware, leſt thou forget the Lord which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the houſe of bondage.

13 Thou ſhalt fear the Lord thy God, and ſerve him, and ſhalt ſwear by his name.

14 Ye ſhall not go after other gods of the gods of the people which are round about you;

15 For the Lord thy God is a jealous God among you; leſt the anger of the Lord thy God be kindled againſt thee, and deſtroy thee from off the face of the earth.

16 Ye ſhall not tempt the Lord your God, as ye tempted him in Maſſah.

17 Ye ſhall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his teſtimonies, and his ſtatutes, which he hath commanded thee.

18 And thou ſhalt do that which is right and good in the ſight of the Lord: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayeſt go in and poſſeſs the good land which the Lord ſware unto thy fathers;

19 To caſt out all thine enemies from before thee, as the Lord hath ſpoken.

20 And when thy ſon aſketh thee in time to come, ſaying, What mean the teſtimonies, and the ſtatutes, and the judgements, which the Lord our God hath commanded you?

21 Then thou ſhalt ſay unto thy ſon, We were Pharaoh's bond-men in Egypt; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand:

22 And the Lord ſhewed ſigns and wonders, great and ſore upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his houſhold, before our eyes:

23 And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he ſware unto our fathers.

24 And the Lord commanded us to do all theſe ſtatutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preſerve us alive as it is at this day.

25 And it ſhall be our righteouſneſs, if we obſerve to do all theſe commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us.

CHAP. VII.

All communion with the nations forbidden, &c.

WHEN the Lord thy God ſhall bring thee into the land whither thou

A ſign upon thine hand, ver. 8.] Not that they were to wear phylacteries, but that they ſhould uſe all means to keep them in continual remembrance.

goeſt to poſſeſs it, and hath caſt out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgaſhites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebuſites, ſeven nations, greater and mightier than thou;

2 And when the Lord thy God ſhall deliver them before thee: thou ſhalt ſmite them, and utterly deſtroy them; thou ſhalt make no covenant with them; nor ſhew mercy unto them:

3 Neither ſhalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou ſhalt not give unto his ſon, nor his daughter ſhalt thou take unto thy ſon.

4 ¶ For they will turn away thy ſon from following me, that they may ſerve other gods: ſo will the anger of the Lord be kindled againſt you, and deſtroy thee ſuddenly.

5 But thus ſhall ye deal with them; ye ſhall deſtroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

6 For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath choſen thee to be a ſpecial people unto himſelf, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

7 The Lord did not ſet his love upon you, nor chooſe you, becauſe ye were more in number than any people: for ye were the feweſt of all people:

8 But becauſe the Lord loved you, and becauſe he would keep the oath which he had ſworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the houſe of bond-men, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him, and keep his commandments, to a thouſand generations;

10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to deſtroy them: he will not be ſlack to him that hateth him; he will repay him to his face.

11 Thou ſhalt therefore keep the commandments, and the ſtatutes, and the judgements, which I command thee this day to do them.

12 Wherefore it ſhall come to paſs, if ye hearken to theſe judgements, and keep and do them; that the Lord thy God ſhall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he ſware unto thy fathers:

13 And he will love thee, and bleſs thee, and multiply thee: he will alſo bleſs the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increaſe of thy kine, and the flocks of thy ſheep, in the land which he ſware unto thy fathers to give thee.

14 Thou ſhalt be bleſſed above all people: there ſhall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.

15 And the Lord will take away from thee all ſickneſs, and will put none of the evil diſeaſes of Egypt, which thou knoweſt, upon thee: but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.

16 And thou ſhalt conſume all the people which the Lord thy God ſhall

Utterly deſtroy them, ver. 2.] Except they forſake their idolatry, and embrace the true religion, and ſubmit, and deſire peace.

deliver thee; thine eye ſhall have no pity upon them: neither ſhalt thou ſerve their gods; for that will be a ſnare unto thee.

17 If thou ſhalt ſay in thine heart, Theſe nations are more than I; how can I diſpoſſeſs them?

18 Thou ſhalt not be afraid of them: but ſhalt well remember what the Lord thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt;

19 The great temptations which thine eyes ſaw, and the ſigns, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the ſtretched-out arm, whereby the Lord thy God brought thee out: ſo ſhall the Lord thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.

20 Moreover, the Lord thy God will ſend the hornet among them, until they that are left and hide themſelves from thee be deſtroyed.

21 Thou ſhalt not be affrighted at them: for the Lord thy God is among you, a mighty God and terrible.

22 And the Lord thy God will put out thoſe nations before thee by little and little: thou mayeſt not conſume them at once, leſt the beaſts of the field increaſe upon thee.

23 But the Lord thy God ſhall deliver them unto thee, and ſhall deſtroy them with a mighty deſtruction, until they be deſtroyed.

24 And he ſhall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou ſhalt deſtroy their name from under heaven: there ſhall no man be able to ſtand before thee, until thou have deſtroyed them.

25 The graven images of their gods ſhall ye burn with fire: thou ſhalt not deſire the ſilver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, leſt thou be ſnared therein: for it is an abomination to the Lord thy God.

26 Neither ſhalt thou bring an abomination into thine houſe, leſt thou be a curſed thing like it: but thou ſhalt utterly deteſt it, and thou ſhalt utterly abhor it; for it is a curſed thing.

CHAP. VIII.

An exhortation to obedience in regard of God's dealing with them.

ALL the commandments which I command thee this day ſhall ye obſerve to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and poſſeſs the land which the Lord ſware unto your fathers.

2 And thou ſhalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee theſe forty years in the wilderneſs, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldeſt keep his commandments, or no.

3 And he humbled thee, and ſuffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou kneweſt not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.

4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot ſwell theſe forty years.

5 Thou ſhalt alſo conſider in thine heart, that as a man chaſteneth his ſon, ſo the Lord thy God chaſteneth thee.

6 Therefore thou ſhalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

7 For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains, and depths that ſpring out of valleys and hills;

8 A land of wheat and barley, and vines, and fig-trees, and pomegranates, a land of oil-olive, and honey;

9 A land wherein thou ſhalt eat bread without ſcarceneſs, thou ſhalt not lack any thing in it; a land whoſe ſtones are iron, and out of whoſe hills thou mayeſt dig braſs.

10 When thou haſt eaten and art full, then thou ſhalt bleſs the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

11 Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgements, and his ſtatutes, which I command thee this day.

12 Leſt when thou haſt eaten and art full, and haſt built goodly houſes, and dwelt therein;

13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy ſilver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou haſt is multiplied;

14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the houſe of bondage;

15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderneſs, wherein were fiery ſerpents, and ſcorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

16 Who fed thee in the wilderneſs with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

17 And thou ſay in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.

18 But thou ſhalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may eſtabliſh his covenant which he ſware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

19 And it ſhall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and ſerve them, and worſhip them, I teſtify againſt you this day that ye ſhall ſurely periſh:

20 As the nations which the Lord deſtroyeth before your face, ſo ſhall ye periſh; becauſe ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the Lord your God.

CHAP. IX.

Moſes diſſuadeth them from the opinion of their own righteouſneſs, &c.

HEAR, O Iſrael: Thou art to paſs over Jordan this day, to go in to poſſeſs nations greater and mightier than thyſelf, cities great and fenced up to heaven,

2 A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou know-

That he might humble thee, ver. 16.] For this purpoſe it was that he led thee through the wilderneſs.

eſt, and of whom thou haſt heard ſay, Who can ſtand before the children of Anak!

3 Underſtand therefore this day, that the Lord thy God is he who goeth over before thee: as a conſuming fire he ſhall deſtroy them, and he ſhall bring them down before thy face; ſo ſhalt thou drive them out, and deſtroy them quickly, as the Lord hath ſaid unto thee.

4 Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the Lord thy God hath caſt them out from before thee, ſaying, For my righteouſneſs the Lord hath brought me in to poſſeſs this land: but for the wickedneſs of theſe nations the Lord doth drive them out from before thee.

5 Not for thy righteouſneſs, or for the uprightneſs of thine heart, doſt thou go to poſſeſs their land: but for the wickedneſs of theſe nations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the Lord ſware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Iſaac, and Jacob.

6 Underſtand, therefore, that the Lord thy God giveth thee not this good land to poſſeſs it for thy righteouſneſs: for thou art a ſtiff-necked people.

7 Remember, and forget not how thou provokedſt the Lord thy God to wrath in the wilderneſs: from the day that thou didſt depart out of the land of Egypt until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious againſt the Lord.

8 Alſo in Horeb ye provoked the Lord to wrath, ſo that the Lord was angry with you, to have deſtroyed you.

9 When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of ſtone, even the tables of the covenant which the Lord made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water:

10 And the Lord delivered unto me two tables of ſtone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words which the Lord ſpake with you in the mount out of the midſt of the fire, in the day of the aſſembly.

11 And it came to paſs at the end of forty days and forty nights, that the Lord gave me the two tables of ſtone, even the tables of the covenant.

12 And the Lord ſaid unto me, Ariſe, get thee down quickly from hence: for thy people which thou haſt brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted themſelves: they are quickly turned aſide out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image.

13 Furthermore, the Lord ſpake unto me, ſaying, I have ſeen this people, and behold, it is a ſtiff-necked people:

14 Let me alone, that I may deſtroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.

15 So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire; and the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands.

Remember, and forget not, ver. 7.] An earneſt, and powerful manner of ſpeaking. People muſt ſometimes be mindful of former provocation.

16 And I looked, and behold, ye had ſinned againſt the Lord your God, and had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aſide quickly out of the way which the Lord had commanded you.

17 And I took the two tables, and caſt them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes.

18 And I fell down before the Lord as at the firſt, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread nor drink water, becauſe of all your ſins which ye ſinned, in doing wickedly in the ſight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger.

19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot diſpleaſure wherewith the Lord was wroth againſt you to deſtroy you. But the Lord hearkened unto me at that time alſo.

20 And the Lord was very angry with Aaron to have deſtroyed him. And I prayed for Aaron alſo the ſame time.

21 And I took your ſin, the calf which ye had made, and burned it with fire, and ſtamped it, and ground it very ſmall, even until it was as ſmall as duſt: and I caſt the duſt thereof into the brook that deſcended out of the mount.

22 And at Taberah, and at Maſſah, and at Kibroth-hattaavah, ye provoked the Lord to wrath.

23 Likewiſe, when the Lord ſent you from Kadeſh-barnea, ſaying, Go up and poſſeſs the land which I have given you: then ye rebelled againſt the commandment of the Lord your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice.

24 Ye have been rebellious againſt the Lord from the day that I knew you.

25 Thus I fell down before the Lord forty days and forty nights, as I fell down at the firſt; becauſe the Lord had ſaid he would deſtroy you.

26 I prayed therefore unto the Lord, and ſaid, O Lord God, deſtroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou haſt redeemed through thy greatneſs, which thou haſt brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

27 Remember thy ſervants, Abraham, Iſaac, and Jacob; look not unto the ſtubbornneſs of this people, nor to their wickedneſs, nor to their ſin:

28 Leſt the land, whence thou broughteſt us out, ſay, Becauſe the Lord was not able to bring them into the land which he promiſed them, and becauſe he hated them, he hath brought them out to ſlay them in the wilderneſs.

29 Yet they are thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughteſt out by thy mighty power, and by thy ſtretched-out arm.

CHAP. X.

God's mercy in reſtoring the two tables.

AT that time the Lord ſaid unto me, Hew thee two tables of ſtone like unto the firſt, and come up unto me in the mount, and make thee an ark of wood.

2 And I will write on the tables the words that were in the firſt tables which

Make thee an ark of wood, ver. 1.] This, by ver. 5, ſeems to be the ark of teſtimony; the making whereof is preſcribed Exod. 25. 10.

thou brakedſt, and thou ſhalt put them in the ark.

3 And I made an ark of ſhittim wood, and hewed two tables of ſtone like unto the firſt, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand.

4 And he wrote on the tables, according to the firſt writing, the ten commandments, which the Lord ſpake unto you in the mount, out of the midſt of the fire, in the day of the aſſembly: and the Lord gave them unto me.

5 And I turned myſelf and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the Lord commanded me.

6 And the children of Iſrael took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan, to Moſera: there Aaron died, and there he was buried: and Eleazar his ſon miniſtered in the prieſt's office in his ſtead.

7 From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah: and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters.

8 At that time the Lord ſeparated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to ſtand before the Lord to miniſter unto him, and to bleſs in his name, unto this day.

9 Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren: the Lord is his inheritance, according as the Lord thy God promiſed him.

10 And I ſtayed in the mount, according to the firſt time, forty days and forty nights: and the Lord hearkened unto me at that time alſo, and the Lord would not deſtroy thee.

11 And the Lord ſaid unto me, Ariſe, take thy journey before the people, that they may go in and poſſeſs the land which I ſware unto their fathers to give unto them.

12 ¶ And now, Iſrael, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to ſerve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy ſoul,

13 To keep the commandments of the Lord, and his ſtatutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

14 Behold, the heaven, and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth alſo, with all that therein is.

15 Only the Lord had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he choſe their ſeed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.

16 Circumciſe therefore the foreſkin of your heart, and be no more ſtiff-necked.

17 For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not perſons nor taketh reward:

18 He doth execute the judgement of the fatherleſs and widow, and loveth the ſtranger, in giving him food and raiment.

19 Love ye therefore the ſtranger; for ye were ſtrangers in the land of Egypt.

20 Thou ſhalt fear the Lord thy God; him ſhalt thou ſerve, and to him ſhalt thou cleave, and ſwear by his name.

21 He is thy praiſe, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee theſe great

Circumciſe therefore the foreſkin of your heart, ver. 16.] Uſe all good means to mortify your corrupt affections, wherein God will aſſiſt you.

and terrible things which thine eyes have ſeen.

22 Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threeſcore and ten perſons; and now the Lord thy God hath made thee as the ſtars of heaven for multitude.

CHAP. XI.

An exhortation to obedience.

THEREFORE thou ſhalt love the Lord thy God, and keep his charge, and his ſtatutes, and his judgements, and his commandments alway.

2 And know ye this day: for I ſpeak not with your children, which have not known, and which have not ſeen the chaſtiſement of the Lord your God, his greatneſs, his mighty hand, and his ſtretched-out arm;

3 And his miracles, and his acts, which he did in the midſt of Egypt, unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his land;

4 And what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horſes, and to their chariots; how he made the water of the Red-ſea to overflow them as they purſued after you, and how the Lord hath deſtroyed them unto this day;

5 And what he did unto you in the wilderneſs, until ye came into this place;

6 And what he did unto Dathan and Abiram, the ſons of Eliab, the ſon of Reuben; how the earth opened her mouth, and ſwallowed them up, and their houſholds, and their tents, and all the ſubſtance that was in their poſſeſſion, in the midſt of all Iſrael.

7 But your eyes have ſeen all the great acts of the Lord which he did.

8 Therefore ſhall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be ſtrong, and go in and poſſeſs the land whither ye go to poſſeſs it;

9 And that ye may prolong your days in the land which the Lord ſware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their ſeed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

10 For the land whither thou goeſt in to poſſeſs it is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou ſowedſt thy ſeed, and wateredſt it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs:

11 But the land whither ye go to poſſeſs it is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven:

12 A land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

13 And it ſhall come to paſs, if ye ſhall hearken diligently unto my commandments, which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to ſerve him with all your heart and with all your ſoul;

14 That I will give you the rain of your land in his due ſeaſon, the firſt rain and the latter rain, that thou mayeſt gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

15 And I will ſend graſs in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayeſt eat and be full.

Wateredſt it with thy foot, ver. 10.] Either by digging trenches with thy feet, or going up and down to carry the water.

16 Take heed to yourſelves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aſide, and ſerve other gods, and worſhip them;

17 And then the Lord's wrath be kindled againſt you, and he ſhut up the heaven that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and leſt ye periſh quickly from off the good land which the Lord giveth you.

18 Therefore ſhall ye lay up theſe my words in your heart, and in your ſoul, and bind them for a ſign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

19 And ye ſhall teach them your children, ſpeaking of them when thou ſitteſt in thine houſe, and when thou walkeſt by the way, when thou lieſt down, and when thou riſeſt up.

20 And thou ſhalt write them upon the door-poſts of thine houſe, and upon thy gates;

21 That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord ſware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

22 For if ye ſhall diligently keep all theſe commandments which I command you to do them, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him;

23 Then will the Lord drive out all theſe nations from before you, and ye ſhall poſſeſs greater nations and mightier than yourſelves.

24 Every place whereon the ſoles of your feet ſhall tread ſhall be yours: from the wilderneſs, and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermoſt ſea, ſhall your coaſt be.

25 There ſhall no man be able to ſtand before you: for the Lord your God ſhall lay the fear of you, and the dread of you, upon all the land that ye ſhall tread upon, as he hath ſaid unto you.

26 ¶ Behold, I ſet before you this day a bleſſing and a curſe;

27 A bleſſing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day:

28 And a curſe, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aſide out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods which ye have not known.

29 And it ſhall come to paſs, when the Lord thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goeſt to poſſeſs it, that thou ſhalt put the bleſſing upon mount Gerizim, and the curſe upon mount Ebal.

30 Are they not on the other ſide Jordan, by the way where the ſun goeth down, in the land of the Canaanites, which dwell in the champaign over-againſt Gilgal, beſide the plains of Moreh?

31 For ye ſhall paſs over Jordan, to go in to poſſeſs the land which the Lord your God giveth you, and ye ſhall poſſeſs it, and dwell therein.

32 And ye ſhall obſerve to do all the ſtatutes and judgements which I ſet before you this day.

Mount Gerizim, and mount Ebal, ver. 29.] So that theſe mountains were continual remembrancers to the people of the bleſſing and the curſe.

CHAP. XII.

Monuments of idolatry are to be deſtroyed.

THESE are the ſtatutes and judgements which ye ſhall obſerve to do, in the land which the Lord God of thy fathers giveth thee to poſſeſs it, all the days that ye live upon the earth.

2 Ye ſhall utterly deſtroy all the places wherein the nations which ye ſhall poſſeſs ſerved their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree:

3 And ye ſhall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire, and ye ſhall hew down the graven images of their gods, and deſtroy the names of them out of that place.

4 Ye ſhall not do ſo unto the Lord your God.

5 ¶ But unto the place which the Lord your God ſhall chooſe, out of all your tribes, to put his name there, even unto his habitation ſhall ye ſeek, and thither thou ſhalt come:

6 And thither ye ſhall bring your burnt-offerings, and your ſacrifices, and your tithes, and heave-offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your free-will-offerings, and the firſtlings of your herds, and of your flocks:

7 And there ye ſhall eat before the Lord your God, and ye ſhall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your houſholds, wherein the Lord thy God hath bleſſed thee.

8 Ye ſhall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatſoever is right in his own eyes.

9 For ye are not as yet come to the reſt, and to the inheritance which the Lord your God giveth you.

10 But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the Lord your God giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you reſt from all your enemies round about, ſo that ye dwell in ſafety;

11 Then there ſhall be a place which the Lord your God ſhall chooſe to cauſe his name to dwell there: thither ſhall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt-offerings, and your ſacrifices, your tithes, and the heave-offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the Lord.

12 And ye ſhall rejoice before the Lord your God, ye and your ſons, and your daughters, and your men-ſervants, and your maid-ſervants, and the Levite that is within your gates; foraſmuch as he hath no part nor inheritance with you.

13 Take heed to thyſelf that thou offer not thy burnt-offerings in every place that thou ſeeſt:

14 But in the place which the Lord ſhall chooſe, in one of thy tribes, there thou ſhalt offer thy burnt-offerings, and there thou ſhalt do all that I command thee.

15 Notwithſtanding, thou mayeſt kill and eat fleſh in all thy gates, whatſoever thy ſoul luſteth after, according to the bleſſing of the Lord thy God which he

Deſtroy all the places, ver. 2.] Temples, chapels, altars, groves, &c.; yet we, under the goſpel, are not bound to demoliſh churches, and places abuſed to idolatry, becauſe the Jews were to worſhip God but in one place, but we every where.

hath given thee: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the roe-buck, and as of the hart.

16 ¶ Only ye ſhall not eat the blood; ye ſhall pour it upon the earth as water.

17 Thou mayeſt not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oil, or the firſtlings of thy herds or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou voweſt, nor thy free-will-offerings, or heave-offering of thine hand:

18 But thou muſt eat them before the Lord thy God in the place which the Lord thy God ſhall chooſe, thou, and thy ſon, and thy daughter, and thy man-ſervant, and thy maid-ſervant, and the Levite that is within thy gates: and thou ſhalt rejoice before the Lord thy God in all that thou putteſt thine hands unto.

19 Take heed to thyſelf that thou forſake not the Levite, as long as thou liveſt upon the earth.

20 When the Lord thy God ſhall enlarge thy border, as he hath promiſed thee, and thou ſhalt ſay, I will eat fleſh; becauſe thy ſoul longeth to eat fleſh; thou mayeſt eat fleſh, whatſoever thy ſoul luſteth after.

21 If the place which the Lord thy God hath choſen to put his name there be too far from thee; then thou ſhalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which the Lord hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou ſhalt eat in thy gates whatſoever thy ſoul luſteth after.

22 Even as the roe-buck and the hart is eaten, ſo thou ſhalt eat them: the unclean and the clean ſhall eat of them alike.

23 ¶ Only be ſure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou mayeſt not eat the life with the fleſh.

24 Thou ſhalt not eat it; thou ſhalt pour it upon the earth as water.

25 Thou ſhalt not eat it; that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou ſhalt do that which is right in the ſight of the Lord.

26 Only thy holy things which thou haſt, and thy vows, thou ſhalt take, and go unto the place which the Lord ſhall chooſe:

27 And thou ſhalt offer thy burnt-offerings, the fleſh and the blood, upon the altar of the Lord thy God: and the blood of thy ſacrifices ſhall be poured out upon the altar of the Lord thy God, and thou ſhalt eat the fleſh.

28 Obſerve and hear all theſe words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doeſt that which is good and right in the ſight of the Lord thy God.

29 When the Lord thy God ſhall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goeſt to poſſeſs them, and thou ſucceedeſt them, and dwelleſt in their land;

30 Take heed to thyſelf that thou be not ſnared by following them, after that they be deſtroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their

After that they be deſtroyed, ver. 30.] In time to come, when God's judgements upon them are worn out of their minds.

gods, ſaying, How did theſe nations ſerve their gods? even ſo will I do likewiſe.

31 Thou ſhalt not do ſo unto the Lord thy God: for every abomination to the Lord which he hateth have they done unto their gods: for even their ſons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

32 What thing ſoever I command you, obſerve to do it; thou ſhalt not add thereto, nor diminiſh from it.

CHAP. XIII.

Enticers to idolatry, how near ſoever, are to be ſtoned to death.

IF there ariſe among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a ſign or a wonder,

2 And the ſign or the wonder come to paſs whereof he ſpake unto thee, ſaying, Let us go after other gods, which thou haſt not known, and let us ſerve them;

3 Thou ſhalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your ſoul.

4 Ye ſhall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye ſhall ſerve him, and cleave unto him.

5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, ſhall be put to death, becauſe he hath ſpoken to turn you away from the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the houſe of bondage, to thruſt thee out of the way which the Lord thy God commanded thee to walk in. So ſhalt thou put the evil away from the midſt of thee.

6 ¶ If thy brother the ſon of thy mother, or thy ſon, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy boſom, or thy friend, which is as thine own ſoul, entice thee ſecretly, ſaying, Let us go and ſerve other gods, which thou haſt not known, thou, nor thy fathers;

7 Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth, even unto the other end of the earth;

8 Thou ſhalt not conſent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither ſhall thine eye pity him, neither ſhalt thou ſpare, neither ſhalt thou conceal him:

9 ¶ But thou ſhalt ſurely kill him; thine hand ſhall be firſt upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

10 And thou ſhalt ſtone him with ſtones, that he die; becauſe he hath ſought to thruſt thee away from the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the houſe of bondage.

11 And all Iſrael ſhall hear and fear, and ſhall do no more any ſuch wickedneſs as this is among you.

12 ¶ If thou ſhalt hear ſay in one of thy cities, which the Lord thy God hath given thee to dwell there, ſaying,

Giveth thee a ſign or a wonder, ver. 1.] Foretel ſome ſtrange and wonderful things to come, as a ſure ſign that God had ſent them.

13 Certain men, the children of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, ſaying, Let us go and ſerve other gods, which ye have not known;

14 Then ſhalt thou enquire and make ſearch, and aſk diligently; and behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that ſuch abomination is wrought among you:

15 Thou ſhalt ſurely ſmite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the ſword, deſtroying it utterly, and all that is therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the ſword.

16 And thou ſhalt gather all the ſpoil of it into the midſt of the ſtreet thereof, and ſhalt burn with fire the city, and all the ſpoil thereof every whit, for the Lord thy God: and it ſhall be an heap for ever, it ſhall not be built again.

17 And there ſhall cleave nought of the curſed thing to thine hand: that the Lord may turn from the fierceneſs of his anger, and ſhew thee mercy, and have compaſſion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath ſworn unto thy fathers;

18 When thou ſhalt hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the Lord thy God.

CHAP. XIV.

God's children are not to diſfigure themſelves in mourning.

YE are the children of the Lord your God: ye ſhall not cut yourſelves, nor make any baldneſs between your eyes for the dead.

2 For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath choſen thee to be a peculiar people unto himſelf, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

3 ¶ Thou ſhalt not eat any abominable thing.

4 Theſe are the beaſts which ye ſhall eat: the ox, the ſheep, and the goat,

5 The hart, and the roe-buck, and the fallow-deer, and the wild-goat, and the pygarg, and the wild ox, and the chamois.

6 And every beaſt that parteth the hoof, and cleaveth the cleft into two claws, and cheweth the cud among the beaſts; that ye ſhall eat.

7 Nevertheleſs, theſe ye ſhall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the cloven hoof; as the camel, and the hare, and the cony: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof, therefore they are unclean unto you.

8 And the ſwine, becauſe it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is unclean unto you: ye ſhall not eat of their fleſh, nor touch their dead carcaſs.

9 Theſe ye ſhall eat of all that are in the waters: all that have fins and ſcales ſhall ye eat:

10 And whatſoever hath not fins and ſcales, ye may not eat: it is unclean unto you.

11 Of all clean birds ye ſhall eat.

12 But theſe are they of which ye ſhall not eat: the eagle, and the oſſifrage, and the oſpray,

Children of Belial, ver. 13.] Lawleſs, rebellious, wicked perſons, who will not be governed either by religion, reaſon, or ſuch principles, but are like the devil himſelf.

13 And the glede, and the kite, and the vulture after his kind,

14 And every raven after his kind,

15 And the owl, and the night-hawk, and the cuckoo, and the hawk after his kind,

16 The little owl, and the great owl, and the ſwan,

17 And the pelican, and the gier-eagle, and the cormorant,

18 And the ſtork, and the heron after her kind, and the lap-wing, and the bat.

19 And every creeping thing that flieth is unclean unto you: they ſhall not be eaten.

20 But of all clean fowls ye may eat.

21 Ye ſhall not eat of any thing that dieth of itſelf: thou ſhalt give it unto the ſtranger that is in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayeſt ſell it unto an alien: for thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God. Thou ſhalt not ſeethe a kid in his mother's milk.

22 ¶ Thou ſhalt truly tithe all the increaſe of thy ſeed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.

23 And thou ſhalt eat before the Lord thy God, in the place which he ſhall chooſe to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firſtlings of thy herds, and of thy flocks: that thou mayeſt learn to fear the Lord thy God always.

24 And if the way be too long for thee, ſo that thou art not able to carry it, or if the place be too far from thee which the Lord thy God ſhall chooſe to ſet his name there, when the Lord thy God hath bleſſed thee;

25 Then ſhalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and ſhalt go unto the place which the Lord thy God ſhall chooſe:

26 And thou ſhalt beſtow that money for whatſoever thy ſoul luſteth after, for oxen, or for ſheep, or for wine, or for ſtrong drink, or for whatſoever thy ſoul deſireth: and thou ſhalt eat there before the Lord thy God, and thou ſhalt rejoice, thou and thine houſhold,

27 And the Levite that is within thy gates; thou ſhalt not forſake him: for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.

28 At the end of three years thou ſhalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increaſe the ſame year, and ſhalt lay it up within thy gates:

29 And the Levite, (becauſe he hath no part nor inheritance with thee) and the ſtranger, and the fatherleſs, and the widow, which are within thy gates, ſhall come, and ſhall eat and be ſatisfied; that the Lord thy God may bleſs thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doeſt.

CHAP. XV.

The ſeventh year, a year of releaſe for the poor.

AT the end of every ſeven years thou ſhalt make a releaſe.

2 And this is the manner of the releaſe: every creditor that lendeth aught unto his neighbour, ſhall releaſe it; he

Mayeſt learn to fear the Lord, ver. 23.] Becauſe the fear of God was taught in that place; and the very preſenting themſelves before God was a good means of keeping them in awe of him.

ſhall not exact it of his neighbour, or of his brother; becauſe it is called the Lord's releaſe.

3 Of a foreigner thou mayeſt exact it again: but that which is thine with thy brother thine hand ſhall releaſe;

4 Save when there ſhall be no poor among you; for the Lord ſhall greatly bleſs thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to poſſeſs it;

5 Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to obſerve to do all theſe commandments which I command thee this day.

6 For the Lord thy God bleſſeth thee, as he promiſed thee: and thou ſhalt lend unto many nations, but thou ſhalt not borrow; and thou ſhalt reign over many nations, but they ſhall not reign over thee.

7 ¶ If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren, within any of thy gates in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou ſhalt not harden thine heart, nor ſhut thine hand from thy poor brother;

8 But thou ſhalt open thine hand wide unto him, and ſhalt ſurely lend him ſufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth.

9 Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, ſaying, The ſeventh year, the year of releaſe, is at hand: and thine eye be evil againſt thy poor brother, and thou giveſt him nought, and he cry unto the Lord againſt thee, and it be a ſin unto thee.

10 Thou ſhalt ſurely give him, and thine heart ſhall not be grieved when thou giveſt unto him: becauſe that for this thing the Lord thy God ſhall bleſs thee in all thy works, and in all that thou putteſt thine hand unto.

11 For the poor ſhall never ceaſe out of the land: therefore I command thee, ſaying, Thou ſhalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

12 And if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be ſold unto thee, and ſerve thee ſix years; then in the ſeventh year thou ſhalt let him go free from thee.

13 And when thou ſendeſt him out free from thee, thou ſhalt not let him go away empty:

14 Thou ſhalt furniſh him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy wine-preſs: of that wherewith the Lord thy God hath bleſſed thee, thou ſhalt give unto him.

15 And thou ſhalt remember that thou waſt a bond-man in the land of Egypt, and the Lord thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing to-day.

16 And it ſhall be, if he ſay unto thee, I will not go away from thee; becauſe he loveth thee and thine houſe, becauſe he is well with thee;

17 Then thou ſhalt take an awl, and thruſt it through his ear unto the door, and he ſhall be thy ſervant for ever. And alſo unto thy maid-ſervant thou ſhalt do likewiſe.

18 It ſhall not ſeem hard unto thee, when thou ſendeſt him away free from thee: for he hath been worth a double-hired ſervant to thee, in ſerving thee

The Lord ſhall greatly bleſs thee, ver. 4.] If in this and other things you are obedient, God will ſo abundantly bleſs you, that you ſhall be well able to forbear requiring your debts this year.

ſix years: and the Lord thy God ſhall bleſs thee in all that thou doeſt.

19 All the firſtling males that come of thy herd, and of thy flock, thou ſhalt ſanctify unto the Lord thy God; thou ſhalt do no work with the firſtling of thy bullock, nor ſhear the firſtling of thy ſheep.

20 Thou ſhalt eat it before the Lord thy God year by year, in the place which the Lord ſhall chooſe, thou and thy houſhold.

21 And if there be any blemiſh therein, as if it be lame, or blind, or have any ill blemiſh, thou ſhalt not ſacrifice it unto the Lord thy God.

22 Thou ſhalt eat it within thy gates: the unclean and the clean perſons ſhall eat it alike, as the roe-buck, and as the hart.

23 Only thou ſhalt not eat the blood thereof; thou ſhalt pour it upon the ground as water.

CHAP. XVI.

The feaſt of the paſſover, of weeks, of tabernacles, of judges and juſtice.

OBSERVE the month of Abib, and keep the paſſover unto the Lord thy God: for in the month of Abib the Lord thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.

2 Thou ſhalt therefore ſacrifice the paſſover unto the Lord thy God, of the flock, and the herd, in the place which the Lord ſhall chooſe to place his name there.

3 Thou ſhalt eat no leavened bread with it: ſeven days ſhalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction; for thou cameſt forth out of the land of Egypt in haſte; that thou mayeſt remember the day when thou cameſt forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life.

4 And there ſhall be no leavened bread ſeen with thee in all thy coaſts ſeven days; neither ſhall there any thing of the fleſh which thou ſacrificedſt the firſt day at even remain all night until the morning.

5 Thou mayeſt not ſacrifice the paſſover within any of thy gates which the Lord thy God giveth thee:

6 But at the place which the Lord thy God ſhall chooſe to place his name in, there thou ſhalt ſacrifice the paſſover at even, at the going down of the ſun, at the ſeaſon that thou cameſt forth out of Egypt.

7 And thou ſhalt roaſt, and eat it in the place which the Lord thy God ſhall chooſe: and thou ſhalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents.

8 Six days thou ſhalt eat unleavened bread: and on the ſeventh day ſhall be a ſolemn aſſembly to the Lord thy God; thou ſhalt do no work therein.

9 ¶ Seven weeks ſhalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the ſeven weeks from ſuch time as thou beginneſt to put the ſickle to the corn.

10 And thou ſhalt keep the feaſt of weeks unto the Lord thy God with a tribute of a free-will-offering of thine hand, which thou ſhalt give unto the Lord thy God according as the Lord thy God hath bleſſed thee:

Bread of affliction, ver. 3.] *i. e.* 1. Unſavoury. 2. Such as is uſed by perſons in time of ſorrow. 3. To be a memorial of your affliction in Egypt, and haſty coming out thence.

11 And thou ſhalt rejoice before the Lord thy God, thou, and thy ſon, and thy daughter, and thy man-ſervant, and thy maid-ſervant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the ſtranger, and the fatherleſs, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the Lord thy God hath choſen to place his name there.

12 And thou ſhalt remember that thou waſt a bond-man in Egypt: and thou ſhalt obſerve and do theſe ſtatutes.

13 ¶ Thou ſhalt obſerve the feaſt of tabernacles ſeven days, after that thou haſt gathered in thy corn and thy wine.

14 And thou ſhalt rejoice in thy feaſt, thou, and thy ſon, and thy daughter, and thy man-ſervant, and thy maid-ſervant, and the Levite, the ſtranger, and the fatherleſs, and the widow, that are within thy gates.

15 Seven days ſhalt thou keep a ſolemn feaſt unto the Lord thy God in the place which the Lord ſhall chooſe: becauſe the Lord thy God ſhall bleſs thee in all thine increaſe, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou ſhalt ſurely rejoice.

16 Three times in a year ſhall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he ſhall chooſe; in the feaſt of unleavened bread, and in the feaſt of weeks, and in the feaſt of tabernacles: and they ſhall not appear before the Lord empty:

17 Every man ſhall give as he is able, according to the bleſſing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee.

18 ¶ Judges and officers ſhalt thou make thee in all thy gates which the Lord thy God giveth thee throughout thy tribes: and they ſhall judge the people with juſt judgement.

19 Thou ſhalt not wreſt judgement: thou ſhalt not reſpect perſons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wiſe, and pervert the words of the righteous.

20 That which is altogether juſt ſhalt thou follow, that thou mayeſt live, and inherit the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

21 ¶ Thou ſhalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the Lord thy God, which thou ſhalt make thee.

22 Neither ſhalt thou ſet thee up any image; which the Lord thy God hateth.

CHAP. XVII.

Things ſacrificed muſt be ſound.

THOU ſhalt not ſacrifice unto the Lord thy God any bullock or ſheep wherein is blemiſh, or any evil-favouredneſs; for that is an abomination unto the Lord thy God.

2 ¶ If there be found among you within any of thy gates which the Lord thy God giveth thee, man or woman that hath wrought wickedneſs in the ſight of the Lord thy God, in tranſgreſſing his covenant,

3 And hath gone and ſerved other gods, and worſhipped them, either the ſun, or moon, or any of the hoſt of heaven, which I have not commanded;

Tranſgreſſing his covenant, ver. 2.] Whereby he does in effect renounce God, and his worſhip, and his ſervice, and chooſe other gods.

4 And it be told thee, and thou haſt heard of it, and enquired diligently, and behold it be true, and the thing certain, that ſuch abomination is wrought in Iſrael:

5 Then ſhalt thou bring forth that man or that woman which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and ſhalt ſtone them with ſtones, till they die.

6 At the mouth of two witneſſes, or three witneſſes, ſhall he that is worthy of death be put to death: but at the mouth of one witneſs he ſhall not be put to death.

7 The hands of the witneſſes ſhall be firſt upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hands of all the people. So thou ſhalt put the evil away from among you.

8 ¶ If there ariſe a matter too hard for thee in judgement, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between ſtroke and ſtroke, being matters of controverſy within thy gates: then ſhalt thou ariſe, and get thee up into the place which the Lord thy God ſhall chooſe;

9 And thou ſhalt come unto the prieſts the Levites, and unto the judge that ſhall be in thoſe days, and enquire; and they ſhall ſhew thee the ſentence of judgement.

10 And thou ſhalt do according to the ſentence which they of that place (which the Lord ſhall chooſe) ſhall ſhew thee: and thou ſhalt obſerve to do according to all that they inform thee:

11 According to the ſentence of the law which they ſhall teach thee, and according to the judgement which they ſhall tell thee thou ſhalt do: thou ſhalt not decline from the ſentence which they ſhall ſhew thee, to the right hand nor to the left.

12 And the man that will do preſumptuouſly, and will not hearken unto the prieſt that ſtandeth to miniſter there before the Lord thy God, or unto the judge, even that man ſhall die: and thou ſhalt put away the evil from Iſrael.

13 And all the people ſhall hear, and fear, and do no more preſumptuouſly.

14 ¶ When thou art come unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, and ſhalt poſſeſs it, and ſhalt dwell therein, and ſhalt ſay, I will ſet a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me.

15 Thou ſhalt in any wiſe ſet him king over thee, whom the Lord thy God ſhall chooſe; one from among thy brethren ſhalt thou ſet king over thee: thou mayeſt not ſet a ſtranger over thee, which is not thy brother.

16 ¶ But he ſhall not multiply horſes to himſelf, nor cauſe the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he ſhould multiply horſes: foraſmuch as the Lord hath ſaid unto you, Ye ſhall henceforth return no more that way.

17 Neither ſhall he multiply wives to himſelf, that his heart turn not away: neither ſhall he greatly multiply to himſelf ſilver and gold.

18 And it ſhall be, when he ſitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he ſhall write him a copy of this law in a book, out of that which is before the prieſts the Levites:

Afterwards the hands of all the people, ver. 7.] To ſignify their unanimous conſent to maintain God's honour and true religion, and their deteſtation of ſuch impiety.

19 And it ſhall be with him, and he ſhall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep all the words of this law and theſe ſtatutes, to do them;

20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aſide from the commandment to the right hand or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midſt of Iſrael.

CHAP. XVIII.

The prieſts and Levites ſhall have no inheritance, &c.

THE prieſts the Levites, and all the tribe of Levi, ſhall have no part nor inheritance with Iſrael: they ſhall eat the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and his inheritance.

2 Therefore ſhall they have no inheritance among their brethren: the Lord is their inheritance, as he hath ſaid unto them.

3 ¶ And this ſhall be the prieſts' due from the people, from them that offer a ſacrifice, whether it be ox or ſheep; and they ſhall give unto the prieſt the ſhoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw.

4 The firſt-fruit alſo of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firſt of the fleece of thy ſheep ſhalt thou give him.

5 For the Lord thy God hath choſen him out of all thy tribes, to ſtand to miniſter in the name of the Lord, him and his ſons for ever.

6 And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Iſrael, where he ſojourned, and come with all the deſire of his mind unto the place which the Lord ſhall chooſe;

7 Then he ſhall miniſter in the name of the Lord his God, as all his brethren the Levites do, which ſtand there before the Lord.

8 They ſhall have like portions to eat, beſide that which cometh of the ſale of his patrimony.

9 When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou ſhalt not learn to do after the abominations of thoſe nations.

10 There ſhall not be found among you any one that maketh his ſon or his daughter to paſs through the fire, or that uſeth divination, or an obſerver of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

11 Or a charmer, or a conſulter with familiar ſpirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12 For all that do theſe things are an abomination unto the Lord: and becauſe of theſe abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

13 Thou ſhalt be perfect with the Lord thy God.

14 For theſe nations which thou ſhalt poſſeſs hearkened unto obſervers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not ſuffered thee ſo to do.

15 ¶ The Lord thy God will raiſe up unto thee a Prophet from the midſt of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me: unto him ye ſhall hearken;

Not ſuffered thee ſo to do, ver. 14.] He hath taught thee better, by his law, and will more fully inform thee by that Prophet he will raiſe up to thee.

16 According to all that thou deſiredſt of the Lord thy God in Horeb, in the day of the aſſembly, ſaying, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, neither let me ſee this great fire any more, that I die not.

17 And the Lord ſaid unto me, They have well ſpoken that which they have ſpoken.

18 I will raiſe them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth, and he ſhall ſpeak unto them all that I ſhall command him.

19 And it ſhall come to paſs, that whoſoever will not hearken unto my words which he ſhall ſpeak in my name, I will require it of him.

20 ¶ But the prophet which ſhall preſume to ſpeak a word in my name which I have not commanded him to ſpeak, or that ſhall ſpeak in the name of other gods, even that prophet ſhall die.

21 And if thou ſay in thine heart, How ſhall we know the word which the Lord hath not ſpoken?

22 When a prophet ſpeaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to paſs, that is the thing which the Lord hath not ſpoken, but the prophet hath ſpoken it preſumptuouſly: thou ſhalt not be afraid of him.

CHAP. XIX.

The cities of refuge: their privilege, &c.

WHEN the Lord thy God hath cut off the nations whoſe land the Lord thy God giveth thee, and thou ſucceedeſt them, and dwelleſt in their cities, and in their houſes;

2 Thou ſhalt ſeparate three cities for thee in the midſt of thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee to poſſeſs it.

3 Thou ſhalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coaſts of thy land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every ſlayer may flee thither.

4 ¶ And this is the caſe of the ſlayer which ſhall flee thither, that he may live; whoſo killeth his neighbour ignorantly, whom he hated not in time paſt;

5 As when a man goeth into the wood with his neighbour to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a ſtroke with the ax to cut down the tree, and the head ſlippeth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he ſhall flee unto one of thoſe cities, and live:

6 Leſt the avenger of the blood purſue the ſlayer while his heart is hot, and overtake him, becauſe the way is long, and ſlay him; whereas he was not worthy of death, inaſmuch as he hated him not in time paſt.

7 Wherefore I command thee, ſaying, Thou ſhalt ſeparate three cities for thee.

8 And if the Lord thy God enlarge thy coaſt, as he hath ſworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promiſed to give unto thy fathers;

9 If thou ſhalt keep all theſe commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the Lord

According to all, &c. ver. 16.] Since it was thy own deſire that God ſhould not ſpeak unto thee immediately, therefore he hath raiſed up, and will from time to time raiſe up, prophets, by whom to declare my will.

thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then ſhalt thou add three cities more for thee beſide theſe three:

10 That innocent blood be not ſhed in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and ſo blood be upon thee.

11 But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and riſe up againſt him, and ſmite him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of theſe cities;

12 Then the elders of his city ſhall ſend and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

13 Thine eye ſhall not pity him; but thou ſhalt put away the guilt of innocent blood from Iſrael, that it may go well with thee.

14 Thou ſhalt not remove thy neighbour's land-mark, which they of old time have ſet in thine inheritance which thou ſhalt inherit, in the land that the Lord thy God giveth thee to poſſeſs it.

15 One witneſs ſhall not riſe up againſt a man for any iniquity, or for any ſin, in any ſin that he ſinneth: at the mouth of two witneſſes, or at the mouth of three witneſſes, ſhall the matter be eſtabliſhed.

16 ¶ If a falſe witneſs riſe up againſt any man to teſtify againſt him that which is wrong;

17 Then both the men between whom the controverſy is ſhall ſtand before the Lord, before the prieſts, and the judges which ſhall be in thoſe days;

18 And the judges ſhall make diligent inquiſition; and behold, if the witneſs be a falſe witneſs, and hath teſtified falſely againſt his brother:

19 Then ſhall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother. So ſhalt thou put the evil away from among you.

20 And thoſe which remain ſhall hear, and fear, and ſhall henceforth commit no more any ſuch evil among you.

21 And thine eye ſhall not pity: but life ſhall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

CHAP. XX.

The prieſt's exhortation to encourage the people to battle.

WHEN thou goeſt out to battle againſt thine enemies, and ſeeſt horſes and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the Lord thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

2 ¶ And it ſhall be when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the prieſt ſhall approach and ſpeak unto the people,

3 And ſhall ſay unto them, Hear, O Iſrael, ye approach this day unto battle againſt your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified becauſe of them.

4 For the Lord your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you againſt your enemies, to ſave you.

Prieſt, ver. 2.] Some eminent prieſt appointed for this purpoſe, and to blow with the holy trumpets.

5 And the officers ſhall ſpeak unto the people, ſaying, What man is there that hath built a new houſe, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his houſe, leſt he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it.

6 And what man is he that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not yet eaten of it? let him alſo go and return unto his houſe, leſt he die in the battle, and another man eat of it.

7 And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return to his houſe, leſt he die in the battle, and another man take her.

8 And the officers ſhall ſpeak further unto the people, and they ſhall ſay, What man is there that is fearful and faint-hearted? let him go and return unto his houſe, leſt his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart.

9 And it ſhall be when the officers have made an end of ſpeaking unto the people, that they ſhall make captains of the armies to lead the people.

10 ¶ When thou comeſt nigh unto a city to fight againſt it, then proclaim peace unto it.

11 And it ſhall be, if it make thee anſwer of peace, and open unto thee, then it ſhall be that all the people that is found therein ſhall be tributaries unto thee, and they ſhall ſerve thee.

12 And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war againſt thee, then thou ſhalt beſiege it:

13 And when the Lord thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou ſhalt ſmite every male thereof with the edge of the ſword:

14 But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the ſpoil thereof, ſhalt thou take unto thyſelf: and thou ſhalt eat the ſpoil of thine enemies which the Lord thy God hath given thee.

15 Thus ſhalt thou do unto all the cities which are very far off from thee, which are not of the cities of theſe nations.

16 ¶ But of the cities of theſe people which the Lord thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou ſhalt ſave alive nothing that breatheth.

17 But thou ſhalt utterly deſtroy them; namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebuſites, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee:

18 That they teach you not to do after all their abominations which they have done unto their gods, ſo ſhould ye ſin againſt the Lord your God.

19 When thou ſhalt beſiege a city a long time in making war againſt it to take it, thou ſhalt not deſtroy the trees thereof by forcing an ax againſt them: for thou mayeſt eat of them, and thou ſhalt not cut them down (for the tree of the field is man's life) to employ them in the ſiege.

20 Only the trees which thou knoweſt that they be not trees for meat, thou ſhalt deſtroy and cut them down; and thou ſhalt build bulwarks againſt the city that maketh war with thee, until it be ſubdued.

Dedicated it, ver. 5.] Taken poſſeſſion of it and begun to uſe it; which was wont to be done with the ſolemnities of feaſting, praying, and ſinging of pſalms.

CHAP. XXI.

The expiation of an uncertain murder.

IF one be found ſlain in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee to poſſeſs it, lying in the field, and it be not known who hath ſlain him:

2 Then thy elders and thy judges ſhall come forth, and they ſhall meaſure unto the cities which are round about him that is ſlain.

3 And it ſhall be that the city which is next unto the ſlain man, even the elders of that city, ſhall take an heifer which hath not been wrought with, and which hath not drawn in the yoke:

4 And the elders of that city ſhall bring down the heifer unto a rough valley, which is neither eared nor ſown, and ſhall ſtrike off the heifer's neck there in the valley.

5 And the prieſts the ſons of Levi ſhall come near; for them the Lord thy God hath choſen to miniſter unto him, and to bleſs in the name of the Lord: and by their word ſhall every controverſy and every ſtroke be tried.

6 And all the elders of that city that are next unto the ſlain man ſhall waſh their hands over the heifer that is beheaded in the valley:

7 And they ſhall anſwer and ſay, Our hands have not ſhed this blood, neither have our eyes ſeen it.

8 Be merciful, O Lord, unto thy people Iſrael, whom thou haſt redeemed, and lay not innocent blood unto thy people of Iſrael's charge. And the blood ſhall be forgiven them.

9 So ſhalt thou put away the guilt of innocent blood from among you, when thou ſhalt do that which is right in the ſight of the Lord.

10 When thou goeſt forth to war againſt thine enemies, and the Lord thy God hath delivered them into thine hands, and thou haſt taken them captive,

11 And ſeeſt among the captives a beautiful woman, and haſt a deſire unto her, that thou wouldeſt have her to thy wife;

12 Then thou ſhalt bring her home to thine houſe; and ſhe ſhall ſhave her head, and pare her nails:

13 And ſhe ſhall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and ſhall remain in thine houſe, and bewail her father and her mother a full month: and after that, thou ſhalt go in unto her, and be her huſband, and ſhe ſhall be thy wife.

14 And it ſhall be if thou have no delight in her, then thou ſhalt let her go whither ſhe will; but thou ſhalt not ſell her at all for money, thou ſhalt not make merchandiſe of her, becauſe thou haſt humbled her.

15 ¶ If a man have two wives, one beloved, and another hated, and they have borne him children, both the beloved, and the hated: and if the firſt-born ſon be her's that was hated;

16 Then it ſhall be, when he maketh his ſons to inherit that which he hath, that he may not make the ſon of the beloved firſt-born before the ſon of the hated, which is indeed the firſt-born.

The city which is next, ver. 3.] Becauſe moſt probably it was ſome perſon of that city that committed the murder: and they were moſt culpable for not watching and guarding the highways and other places.

17 But he ſhall acknowledge the ſon of the hated for the firſt-born, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of his ſtrength; the right of the firſt-born is his.

18 ¶ If a man have a ſtubborn and rebellious ſon which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that when they have chaſtened him, will not hearken unto them:

19 Then ſhall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place;

20 And they ſhall ſay unto the elders of his city, This our ſon is ſtubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard.

21 And all the men of his city ſhall ſtone him with ſtones that he die: ſo ſhalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Iſrael ſhall hear, and fear.

22 And if a man have committed a ſin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree:

23 His body ſhall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou ſhalt in any wiſe bury him that day: for he that is hanged is accurſed of God: that thy land be not defiled, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

CHAP. XXII.

Of humanity toward brethren.

THOU ſhalt not ſee thy brother's ox or his ſheep go aſtray, and hide thyſelf from them: thou ſhalt in any caſe bring them again unto thy brother.

2 And if thy brother be not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou ſhalt bring it unto thine own houſe, and it ſhall be with thee until thy brother ſeek after it, and thou ſhalt reſtore it to him again.

3 In like manner ſhalt thou do with his aſs, and ſo ſhalt thou do with his raiment; and with all loſt things of thy brother's, which he hath loſt and thou haſt found, ſhalt thou do likewiſe: thou mayeſt not hide thyſelf.

4 Thou ſhalt not ſee thy brother's aſs, or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thyſelf from them: thou ſhalt ſurely help him to lift them up again.

5 ¶ The woman ſhall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither ſhall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do ſo are an abomination unto the Lord thy God,

6 ¶ If a bird's neſt chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, whether they be young ones, or eggs, and the dam ſitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou ſhalt not take the dam with the young:

7 But thou ſhalt in any wiſe let the dam go, and take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayeſt prolong thy days.

8 ¶ When thou buildeſt a new houſe, then thou ſhalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine houſe, if any man fall from thence.

Accurſed of God, ver. 23.] Ceremonially and typically, to ſhew that Chriſt ſhould undergo this execrable puniſhment, and be made a curſe for us; ſo this is ſpoken with reſpect unto him.

9 Thou ſhalt not ſow thy vineyard with divers ſeeds; leſt the fruit of thy ſeed which thou haſt ſown, and the fruit of thy vineyard be defiled.

10 Thou ſhalt not plough with an ox and an aſs together.

11 Thou ſhalt not wear a garment of divers ſorts, as of woollen and linen together.

12 Thou ſhalt make thee fringes upon the four quarters of thy veſture, wherewith thou covereſt thyſelf.

13 If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her,

14 And give occaſion of ſpeech againſt her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and ſay, I took this woman, and when I came to her I found her not a maid:

15 Then ſhall the father of the damſel, and her mother, take and bring forth the tokens of the damſel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate;

16 And the damſel's father ſhall ſay unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her;

17 And lo, he hath given occaſions of ſpeech againſt her, ſaying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet theſe are the tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they ſhall ſpread the cloth before the elders of the city.

18 And the elders of that city ſhall take that man and chaſtiſe him;

19 And they ſhall amerce him in an hundred ſhekels of ſilver, and give them unto the father of the damſel; becauſe he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Iſrael: and ſhe ſhall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days.

20 But if this thing be true, and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damſel:

21 Then they ſhall bring out the damſel to the door of her father's houſe, and the men of her city ſhall ſtone her with ſtones that ſhe die, becauſe ſhe hath wrought folly in Iſrael, to play the whore in her father's houſe. So ſhalt thou put evil away from among you.

22 ¶ If a man be found lying with a woman married to an huſband, then they ſhall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman. So ſhalt thou put away evil from Iſrael.

23 If a damſel that is a virgin be betrothed unto an huſband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her;

24 Then ye ſhall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye ſhall ſtone them with ſtones that they die; the damſel, becauſe ſhe cried not, being in the city; and the man, becauſe he hath humbled his neighbour's wife. So thou ſhalt put away evil from among you.

25 ¶ But if a man find a betrothed damſel in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her; then the man only that lay with her ſhall die:

26 But unto the damſel thou ſhalt do nothing: there is in the damſel no ſin worthy of death: for as when a man riſeth againſt his neighbour, and ſlayeth him, even ſo is this matter:

The fruit of thy vineyard be defiled, ver. 9.] Rendered unclean, and unlawful, either in the firſt-fruits, or otherwiſe, to be offered to the Lord.

27 For he found her in the field, and the betrothed damſel cried, and there was none to ſave her.

28 ¶ If a man find a damſel that is a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found:

29 Then the man that lay with her ſhall give unto the damſel's father fifty ſhekels of ſilver, and ſhe ſhall be his wife, becauſe he hath humbled her; he may not put her away all his days.

30 ¶ A man ſhall not take his father's wife, nor diſcover his father's ſkirt.

CHAP. XXIII.

Who may, or who may not, enter into the congregation.

HE that is wounded in the ſtones, or hath his privy member cut off, ſhall not enter into the congregation of the Lord.

2 A baſtard ſhall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to his tenth generation ſhall he not enter into the congregation of the Lord.

3 An Ammonite or Moabite ſhall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to their tenth generation ſhall they not enter into the congregation of the Lord for ever.

4 Becauſe they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and becauſe they hired againſt thee Balaam the ſon of Beor, of Pethor of Meſopotamia, to curſe thee:

5 Nevertheleſs, the Lord thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the Lord thy God turned the curſe into a bleſſing unto thee, becauſe the Lord thy God loved thee.

6 Thou ſhalt not ſeek their peace nor their proſperity all thy days for ever.

7 Thou ſhalt not abhor an Edomite, for he is thy brother: thou ſhalt not abhor an Egyptian; becauſe thou waſt a ſtranger in his land.

8 The children that are begotten of them ſhall enter into the congregation of the Lord in their third generation.

9 ¶ When the hoſt goeth forth againſt thine enemies, then keep thee from every wicked thing.

10 If there be among you any man that is not clean, by reaſon of uncleanneſs that chanceth him by night, then ſhall he go abroad out of the camp, he ſhall not come within the camp.

11 But it ſhall be when evening cometh on, he ſhall waſh himſelf with water: and when the ſun is down, he ſhall come into the camp again.

12 Thou ſhalt have a place alſo without the camp, whither thou ſhalt go forth abroad.

13 And thou ſhalt have a paddle upon thy weapon; and it ſhall be when thou wilt eaſe thyſelf abroad, thou ſhalt dig therewith, and ſhalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee:

14 For the Lord thy God walketh in the midſt of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee: therefore ſhall thy camp

And the betrothed damſel cried, ver. 27.] It muſt in charity be preſumed that ſhe did ſo; unleſs the contrary be proved.

be holy, that he ſee no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.

15 Thou ſhalt not deliver unto his maſter the ſervant which is eſcaped from his maſter unto thee:

16 He ſhall dwell with thee, even among you, in that place which he ſhall chooſe in one of thy gates where it liketh him beſt: thou ſhalt not oppreſs him.

17 There ſhall be no whore of the daughters of Iſrael, nor a ſodomite of the ſons of Iſrael.

18 Thou ſhalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the houſe of the Lord thy God for any vow: for even both theſe are abomination unto the Lord thy God.

19 Thou ſhalt not lend upon uſury to thy brother; uſury of money, uſury of victuals, uſury of any thing that is lent upon uſury.

20 Unto a ſtranger thou mayeſt lend upon uſury: but unto thy brother thou ſhalt not lend upon uſury; that the Lord thy God may bleſs thee in all that thou ſetteſt thine hand to in the land whither thou goeſt to poſſeſs it.

21 ¶ When thou ſhalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou ſhalt not ſlack to pay it: for the Lord thy God will ſurely require it of thee; and it would be ſin in thee.

22 But if thou ſhalt forbear to vow, it ſhall be no ſin in thee.

23 That which is gone out of thy lips thou ſhalt keep and perform, even a free-will-offering according as thou haſt vowed unto the Lord thy God, which thou haſt promiſed with thy mouth.

24 ¶ When thou comeſt into thy neighbour's vineyard, then thou mayeſt eat grapes thy fill, at thine own pleaſure; but thou ſhalt not put any in thy veſſel.

25 When thou comeſt into the ſtanding-corn of thy neighbour, then thou mayeſt pluck the ears with thine hand: but thou ſhalt not move a ſickle unto thy neighbour's ſtanding-corn.

CHAP. XXIV.

Of divorce: of pledges: of man-ſtealers, &c.

WHEN a man hath taken a wife and married her, and it come to paſs that ſhe find no favour in his eyes, becauſe he hath found ſome uncleanneſs in her; then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and ſend her out of his houſe.

2 And when ſhe is departed out of his houſe, ſhe may go and be another man's wife.

3 And if the latter huſband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and ſendeth her out of his houſe; or if the latter huſband die, which took her to be his wife;

4 Her former huſband, which ſent her away, may not take her again to be his wife; after that ſhe is defiled: for that is abomination before the Lord; and thou ſhalt not cauſe the land to ſin which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

Some uncleanneſs in her, ver. 1.] Any thing which he diſlikes either in her perſon, diſpoſition, or carriage, though it were ever ſo ſlight a matter.

5 When a man hath taken a new wife, he ſhall not go out to war, neither ſhall he be charged with any buſineſs: but he ſhall be free at home one year, and ſhall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.

6 ¶ No man ſhall take the nether or the upper mill-ſtone to pledge: for he taketh a man's life to pledge.

7 ¶ If a man be found ſtealing any of his brethren of the children of Iſrael, and maketh merchandize of him, or ſelleth him; then that thief ſhall die, and thou ſhalt put evil away from among you.

8 ¶ Take heed in the plague of leproſy, that thou obſerve diligently, and do according to all that the prieſts the Levites ſhall teach you: as I commanded them, ſo ye ſhall obſerve to do.

9 Remember what the Lord thy God did unto Miriam by the way after that ye were come forth out of Egypt.

10 ¶ When thou doſt lend thy brother any thing, thou ſhalt not go into his houſe to fetch his pledge.

11 Thou ſhalt ſtand abroad, and the man to whom thou doſt lend ſhall bring out the pledge abroad unto thee.

12 And if the man be poor, thou ſhalt not ſleep with his pledge.

13 In any caſe thou ſhalt deliver him the pledge again when the ſun goeth down, that he may ſleep in his own raiment, and bleſs thee: and it ſhall be righteouſneſs unto thee before the Lord thy God.

14 ¶ Thou ſhalt not oppreſs an hired ſervant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy ſtrangers that are in thy land within thy gates:

15 At his day thou ſhalt give him his hire, neither ſhall the ſun go down upon it; for he is poor, and ſetteth his heart upon it: leſt he cry againſt thee unto the Lord, and it be ſin unto thee.

16 ¶ The fathers ſhall not be put to death for the children, neither ſhall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man ſhall be put to death for his own ſin.

17 Thou ſhalt not pervert the judgement of the ſtranger, nor of the fatherleſs; nor take the widow's raiment to pledge:

18 But thou ſhalt remember that thou waſt a bond-man in Egypt, and the Lord thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

19 ¶ When thou cutteſt down thine harveſt in thy field, and haſt forgot a ſheaf in the field, thou ſhalt not go again to fetch it: it ſhall be for the ſtranger, for the fatherleſs, and for the widow: that the Lord thy God may bleſs thee in all the work of thine hands.

20 When thou beateſt thine olive-tree, thou ſhalt not go over the boughs again: it ſhall be for the ſtranger, for the fatherleſs, and for the widow.

21 When thou gathereſt the grapes of thy vineyard, thou ſhalt not glean it afterward: it ſhall be for the ſtranger, for the fatherleſs, and for the widow.

22 And thou ſhalt remember that thou waſt a bond-man in the land of

Mill-ſtone to pledge, ver. 6.] Nor any thing that is neceſſary for the exerciſe of a man's calling, or ſuſtenance of his life.

Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

CHAP. XXV.

Stripes muſt not exceed forty: the ox is not to be muzzled, &c.

IF there be a controverſy between men, and they come unto judgement, that the judges may judge them; then they ſhall juſtify the righteous, and condemn the wicked.

2 And it ſhall be, if the wicked man be worthy to be beaten, that the judge ſhall cauſe him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault by a certain number.

3 Forty ſtripes he may give him, and not exceed: leſt, if he ſhould exceed, and beat him above theſe with many ſtripes, then thy brother ſhould ſeem vile unto thee.

4 ¶ Thou ſhalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn.

5 ¶ If brethren dwell together, and one of them die and have no child, the wife of the dead ſhall not marry without unto a ſtranger: her huſband's brother ſhall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an huſband's brother unto her.

6 And it ſhall be, that the firſt-born which ſhe beareth ſhall ſucceed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Iſrael.

7 And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and ſay, My huſband's brother refuſeth to raiſe up unto his brother a name in Iſrael, he will not perform the duty of my huſband's brother.

8 Then the elders of his city ſhall call him, and ſpeak unto him: and if he ſtand to it, and ſay, I like not to take her;

9 Then ſhall his brother's wife come unto him in the preſence of the elders, and looſe his ſhoe from off his foot, and ſpit in his face, and ſhall anſwer and ſay, So ſhall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's houſe.

10 And his name ſhall be called in Iſrael, The houſe of him that hath his ſhoe looſed.

11 ¶ When men ſtrive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her huſband out of the hand of him that ſmiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the ſecrets:

12 Then thou ſhalt cut off her hand: thine eye ſhall not pity her.

13 ¶ Thou ſhalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a ſmall.

14 Thou ſhalt not have in thine houſe divers meaſures, a great and a ſmall.

15 But thou ſhalt have a perfect and juſt weight, a perfect and juſt meaſure ſhalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

16 For all that do ſuch things, and all that do unrighteouſly, are an abomination unto the Lord thy God.

17 ¶ Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt:

Thou ſhalt not muzzle the ox, ver. 4.] This was partly to teach them mercy to their beaſts; but principally to inſtruct them, that the labourer is worthy of his hire.

18 How he met thee by the way, and ſmote the hindmoſt of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee when thou waſt faint and weary; and he feared not God.

19 Therefore it ſhall be, when the Lord thy God hath given thee reſt from all thine enemies round about in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to poſſeſs it, that thou ſhalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou ſhalt not forget it.

CHAP. XXVI.

The confeſſion of him that offereth the baſket of firſt-fruits.

AND it ſhall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and poſſeſſeſt it, and dwelleſt therein:

2 That thou ſhalt take of the firſt of all the fruit of the earth, which thou ſhalt bring of thy land that the Lord thy God giveth thee, and ſhalt put it in a baſket, and ſhalt go unto the place which the Lord thy God ſhall chooſe to place his name there.

3 And thou ſhalt go unto the prieſt that ſhall be in thoſe days, and ſay unto him, I profeſs this day unto the Lord thy God, that I am come unto the country which the Lord ſware unto our fathers for to give us.

4 And the prieſt ſhall take the baſket out of thine hand, and ſet it down before the altar of the Lord thy God.

5 And thou ſhalt ſpeak and ſay before the Lord thy God, A Syrian ready to periſh was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and ſojourned there with a few, and became there a nation great, mighty, and populous:

6 And the Egyptians evil intreated us and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage.

7 And when we cried unto the Lord God of our fathers, the Lord heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppreſſion.

8 And the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an out-ſtretched arm, and with great terribleneſs, and with ſigns, and with wonders.

9 And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey.

10 And now behold, I have brought the firſt-fruits of the land which thou, O Lord, haſt given me. And thou ſhalt ſet it before the Lord thy God, and worſhip before the Lord thy God.

11 And thou ſhalt rejoice in every good thing which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine houſe, thou, and the Levite, and the ſtranger that is among you.

12 When thou haſt made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increaſe the third year, which is the year of tithing, and haſt given it unto the Levite, the ſtranger, the fatherleſs, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled:

A Syrian ready to periſh was my father, ver. 5.] *i. e.* Jacob, deſcended from Abram, who came out of Ur of the Chaldees, and lived twenty years with Laban, in Syria.

13 Then thou ſhalt ſay before the Lord thy God, I have brought away the hallowed things out of mine houſe, and alſo have given them unto the Levite, and unto the ſtranger, to the fatherleſs, and to the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou haſt commanded me: I have not tranſgreſſed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them.

14 I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken away aught thereof for any unclean uſe, nor given aught thereof for the dead: but I have hearkened to the voice of the Lord my God, and have done according to all that thou haſt commanded me:

15 Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bleſs thy people Iſrael, and the land which thou haſt given us, as thou ſwareſt unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

16 ¶ This day the Lord thy God hath commanded thee to do theſe ſtatutes and judgements: thou ſhalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy ſoul.

17 Thou haſt avouched the Lord this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his ſtatutes, and his commandments, and his judgements, and to hearken unto his voice.

18 And the Lord hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promiſed thee, and that thou ſhouldeſt keep all his commandments;

19 And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praiſe, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayeſt be an holy people unto the Lord thy God, as he hath ſpoken.

CHAP. XXVII.

The people are to write the law upon ſtones.

AND Moſes with the elders of Iſrael commanded the people, ſaying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day.

2 And it ſhall be on the day when ye ſhall paſs over Jordan unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, that thou ſhalt ſet thee up great ſtones, and plaſter them with plaſter:

3 And thou ſhalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art paſſed over, that thou mayeſt go in unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey: as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promiſed thee.

4 Therefore it ſhall be when ye be gone over Jordan, that ye ſhall ſet up theſe ſtones, which I command you this day, in mount Ebal, and thou ſhalt plaſter them with plaſter.

5 ¶ And there ſhalt thou build an altar unto the Lord thy God, an altar of ſtones: thou ſhalt not lift up any iron tool upon them.

6 Thou ſhalt build the altar of the Lord thy God of whole ſtones: and thou ſhalt offer burnt-offerings thereon unto the Lord thy God.

7 And thou ſhalt offer peace-offerings, and ſhalt eat there, and rejoice before the Lord thy God.

This day the Lord thy God, &c. ver. 16.] Though theſe commandments were immediately given to your fathers, yet they concerned you as much as if they had been ſpoken this day unto you.

8 And thou ſhalt write upon the ſtones all the words of this law very plainly.

9 And Moſes and the prieſts the Levites ſpake unto all Iſrael, ſaying, Take heed, and hearken, O Iſrael; this day thou art become the people of the Lord thy God.

10 Thou ſhalt therefore obey the voice of the Lord thy God, and do his commandments and his ſtatutes which I command thee this day.

11 And Moſes charged the people the ſame day, ſaying,

12 Theſe ſhall ſtand upon mount Gerizim to bleſs the people, when ye are come over Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Iſſachar, and Joſeph, and Benjamin:

13 And theſe ſhall ſtand upon mount Ebal to curſe; Reuben, Gad, and Aſher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

14 ¶ And the Levites ſhall ſpeak, and ſay unto all the men of Iſrael with a loud voice,

15 Curſed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the Lord, the work of the hands of the craftſman, and putteth it in a ſecret place. And all the people ſhall anſwer and ſay, Amen.

16 Curſed be he that ſetteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

17 Curſed be he that removeth his neighbour's land-mark. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

18 Curſed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

19 Curſed be he that perverteth the judgement of the ſtranger, fatherleſs, and widow. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

20 Curſed be he that lieth with his father's wife; becauſe he uncovereth his father's ſkirt. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

21 Curſed be he that lieth with any manner of beaſt. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

22 Curſed be he that lieth with his ſiſter, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

23 Curſed be he that lieth with his mother-in-law. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

24 Curſed be he that ſmiteth his neighbour ſecretly. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

25 Curſed be he that taketh reward to ſlay an innocent perſon. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

26 Curſed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

CHAP. XXVIII.

The bleſſings for obedience: the curſes for diſobedience.

AND it ſhall come to paſs, if thou ſhalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to obſerve and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day: that the Lord thy God will ſet thee on high above all nations of the earth;

All the words of this law, ver. 8.] The curſes; to ſhew, that no man could expect juſtification by the tenor of the law.

2 And all theſe bleſſings ſhall come on thee and overtake thee, if thou ſhalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

3 Bleſſed ſhalt thou be in the city, and bleſſed ſhalt thou be in the field.

4 Bleſſed ſhall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increaſe of thy kine, and the flocks of thy ſheep.

5 Bleſſed ſhall be thy baſket and thy ſtore.

6 Bleſſed ſhalt thou be when thou comeſt in, and bleſſed ſhalt thou be when thou goeſt out.

7 The Lord ſhall cauſe thine enemies that riſe up againſt thee to be ſmitten before thy face: they ſhall come out againſt thee one way, and flee before thee ſeven ways.

8 The Lord ſhall command the bleſſing upon thee in thy ſtore-houſes, and in all that thou ſetteſt thine hand unto: and he ſhall bleſs thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

9 The Lord ſhall eſtabliſh thee an holy people unto himſelf, as he hath ſworn unto thee, if thou ſhalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways.

10 And all people of the earth ſhall ſee that thou art called by the name of the Lord: and they ſhall be afraid of thee.

11 And the Lord ſhall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord ſware unto thy fathers to give thee.

12 The Lord ſhall open unto thee his good treaſure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his ſeaſon, and to bleſs all the work of thine hand: and thou ſhalt lend unto many nations, and thou ſhalt not borrow.

13 And the Lord ſhall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou ſhalt be above only, and thou ſhalt not be beneath: if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to obſerve and to do them;

14 And thou ſhalt not go aſide from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to ſerve them.

15 ¶ But it ſhall come to paſs, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to obſerve to do all his commandments and his ſtatutes which I command thee this day; that all theſe curſes ſhall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

16 Curſed ſhalt thou be in the city, and curſed ſhalt thou be in the field.

17 Curſed ſhall be thy baſket, and thy ſtore.

18 Curſed ſhall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increaſe of thy kine, and the flocks of thy ſheep.

19 Curſed ſhalt thou be when thou comeſt in, and curſed ſhalt thou be when thou goeſt out.

20 The Lord ſhall ſend upon thee curſing, vexation, and rebuke, in all

Eſtabliſh thee an holy people unto himſelf, ver. 9.] Confirm his covenant with thee, by which he has ſeparated thee unto himſelf as a holy and peculiar people.

that thou ſetteſt thine hand unto for to do, until thou be deſtroyed, and until thou periſh quickly; becauſe of the wickedneſs of thy doings whereby thou haſt forſaken me.

21 The Lord ſhall make the peſtilence cleave unto thee, until he have conſumed thee from off the land whither thou goeſt to poſſeſs it.

22 The Lord ſhall ſmite thee with a conſumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the ſword, and with blaſting, and with mildew; and they ſhall purſue thee until thou periſh.

23 And thy heaven that is over thy head ſhall be braſs, and the earth that is under thee ſhall be iron.

24 The Lord ſhall make the rain of thy land powder and duſt: from heaven ſhall it come down upon thee, until thou be deſtroyed.

25 The Lord ſhall cauſe thee to be ſmitten before thine enemies: thou ſhalt go out one way againſt them, and flee ſeven ways before them; and ſhalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

26 And thy carcaſs ſhall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beaſts of the earth, and no man ſhall fray them away.

27 The Lord will ſmite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the ſcab, and with the itch, whereof thou canſt not be healed.

28 The Lord ſhall ſmite thee with madneſs, and blindneſs, and aſtoniſhment of heart:

29 And thou ſhalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkneſs, and thou ſhalt not proſper in thy ways: and thou ſhalt be only oppreſſed and ſpoiled evermore; and no man ſhall ſave thee.

30 Thou ſhalt betroth a wife, and another man ſhall lie with her: thou ſhalt build an houſe, and thou ſhalt not dwell therein: thou ſhalt plant a vineyard, and ſhalt not gather the grapes thereof.

31 Thine ox ſhall be ſlain before thine eyes, and thou ſhalt not eat thereof: thine aſs ſhall be violently taken away from before thy face, and ſhall not be reſtored to thee; thy ſheep ſhall be given unto thine enemies, and thou ſhalt have none to reſcue them.

32 Thy ſons and thy daughters ſhall be given unto another people, and thine eyes ſhall look and fail with longing for them all the day long: and there ſhall be no might in thine hand.

33 The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, ſhall a nation which thou knoweſt not eat up; and thou ſhalt be only oppreſſed and cruſhed alway:

34 So that thou ſhalt be mad for the ſight of thine eyes which thou ſhalt ſee.

35 The Lord ſhall ſmite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a ſore botch that cannot be healed, from the ſole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.

36 The Lord ſhall bring thee, and thy king which thou ſhalt ſet over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there ſhalt thou ſerve other gods, wood and ſtone.

Make the rain of thy land powder and duſt, ver. 24.] Inſtead of rain there ſhall fall powder and duſt, which the wind raiſes in time of drought.

37 And thou ſhalt become an aſtoniſhment, a proverb, and a by-word among all nations whither the Lord ſhall lead thee.

38 Thou ſhalt carry much ſeed out into the field, and ſhalt gather but little in: for the locuſt ſhall conſume it.

39 Thou ſhalt plant vineyards and dreſs them, but ſhalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes: for the worms ſhall eat them.

40 Thou ſhalt have olive-trees throughout all thy coaſts, but thou ſhalt not anoint thyſelf with the oil; for thine olive ſhall caſt his fruit.

41 Thou ſhalt beget ſons and daughters, but thou ſhalt not enjoy them: for they ſhall go into captivity.

42 All thy trees and fruit of thy land ſhall the locuſt conſume.

43 The ſtranger that is within thee ſhall get up above thee very high; and thou ſhalt come down very low.

44 He ſhall lend to thee, and thou ſhalt not lend to him: he ſhall be the head, and thou ſhalt be the tail.

45 Moreover, all theſe curſes ſhall come upon thee, and ſhall purſue thee, and overtake thee till thou be deſtroyed; becauſe thou hearkenedſt not unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments, and his ſtatutes, which he commanded thee:

46 And they ſhall be upon thee for a ſign and for a wonder, and upon thy ſeed for ever.

47 Becauſe thou ſervedſt not the Lord thy God with joyfulneſs, and with gladneſs of heart, for the abundance of all things;

48 Therefore ſhalt thou ſerve thine enemies which the Lord ſhall ſend againſt thee, in hunger, and in thirſt, and in nakedneſs, and in want of all things: and he ſhall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have deſtroyed thee.

49 The Lord ſhall bring a nation againſt thee from far, from the end of the earth, as ſwift as the eagle flieth; a nation whoſe tongue thou ſhalt not underſtand;

50 A nation of fierce countenance, which ſhall not regard the perſon of the old, nor ſhew favour to the young:

51 And he ſhall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be deſtroyed: which alſo ſhall not leave thee either corn, wine or oil, or the increaſe of thy kine, or flocks of thy ſheep, until he have deſtroyed thee.

52 And he ſhall beſiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou truſtedſt, throughout all thy land: and he ſhall beſiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land which the Lord thy God hath given thee.

53 And thou ſhalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the fleſh of thy ſons and of thy daughters which the Lord thy God hath given thee, in the ſiege and in the ſtraitneſs wherewith thine enemies ſhall diſtreſs thee:

54 So that the man that is tender among you and very delicate, his eye ſhall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his boſom, and toward the remnant of his children which he ſhall leave;

Thou ſhalt become an aſtoniſhment, ver. 37.] Thy calamities ſhall be ſo great, that thy very enemies ſhall be ſmitten with wonder at them.

55 So that he will not give to any of them of the fleſh of his children whom he ſhall eat: becauſe he hath nothing left him in the ſiege and in the ſtraitneſs wherewith thine enemies ſhall diſtreſs thee in all thy gates.

56 The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to ſet the ſole of her foot upon the ground for delicateneſs and tenderneſs, her eye ſhall be evil toward the huſband of her boſom, and toward her ſon, and toward her daughter,

57 And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which ſhe ſhall bear: for ſhe ſhall eat them for want of all things ſecretly in the ſiege and ſtraitneſs wherewith thine enemy ſhall diſtreſs thee in thy gates.

58 If thou wilt not obſerve to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayeſt fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;

59 Then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy ſeed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and ſore ſickneſſes, and of long continuance.

60 Moreover, he will bring upon thee all the diſeaſes of Egypt, which thou waſt afraid of; and they ſhall cleave unto thee.

61 Alſo every ſickneſs and every plague which is not written in the book of this law, them will the Lord bring upon thee, until thou be deſtroyed.

62 And ye ſhall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the ſtars of heaven for multitude: becauſe thou wouldeſt not obey the voice of the Lord thy God.

63 And it ſhall come to paſs, that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; ſo the Lord will rejoice over you to deſtroy you, and to bring you to nought: and ye ſhall be plucked from off the land whither thou goeſt to poſſeſs it.

64 And the Lord ſhall ſcatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou ſhalt ſerve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and ſtone.

65 And among theſe nations ſhalt thou find no eaſe, neither ſhall the ſole of thy foot have reſt: but the Lord ſhall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and ſorrow of mind:

66 And thy life ſhall hang in doubt before thee: and thou ſhalt fear day and night, and ſhalt have none aſſurance of thy life.

67 In the morning thou ſhalt ſay, Would God it were even! and at even thou ſhalt ſay, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou ſhalt fear, and for the ſight of thine eyes which thou ſhalt ſee.

68 And the Lord ſhall bring thee into Egypt again with ſhips, by the way whereof I ſpeak unto thee, Thou ſhalt ſee it no more again: and there ye ſhall be ſold unto your enemies for bondmen and bond-women, and no man ſhall buy you.

Among theſe nations ſhalt thou find no eaſe, ver. 65.] No ſettlement, but be continually removed from place to place.

CHAP. XXIX.

An exhortation to obedience.

THESE are the words of the covenant which the Lord commanded Moſes to make with the children of Iſrael in the land of Moab, beſide the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.

2 ¶ And Moſes called unto all Iſrael, and ſaid unto them, Ye have ſeen all that the Lord did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, unto Pharaoh, and unto all his ſervants, and unto all his land;

3 The great temptations which thine eyes have ſeen, the ſigns, and thoſe great miracles:

4 Yet the Lord hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to ſee, and ears to hear, unto this day.

5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderneſs: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy ſhoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.

6 Ye have not eaten bread, neither have ye drunk wine or ſtrong drink: that ye might know that I am the Lord your God.

7 And when ye came unto this place, Sihon the king of Heſhbon, and Og the king of Baſhan, came out againſt us unto battle, and we ſmote them:

8 And we took their land, and gave it for an inheritance unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half-tribe of Manaſſeh.

9 Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may proſper in all that ye do.

10 ¶ Ye ſtand this day all of you before the Lord your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, with all the men of Iſrael,

11 Your little ones, your wives, and thy ſtranger that is in thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water:

12 That thou ſhouldeſt enter into covenant with the Lord thy God, and into his oath, which the Lord thy God maketh with thee this day:

13 That he may eſtabliſh thee today for a people unto himſelf, and that he may be unto thee a God as he hath ſaid unto thee, and as he hath ſworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Iſaac, and to Jacob.

14 Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath;

15 But with him that ſtandeth here with us this day before the Lord our God, and alſo with him that is not here with us this day:

16 For ye know how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the nations which ye paſſed by;

17 And ye have ſeen their abominations, and their idols, wood and ſtone, ſilver and gold, which were among them;

18 Leſt there ſhould be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whoſe heart turneth away this day from the Lord our God, to go and ſerve the gods of theſe nations; leſt there ſhould be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood;

Root that beareth gall and wormwood, ver. 18.] Drawing you to idolatry, which is diſpleaſing to God, and will prove bitterneſs in the end.

19 And it come to paſs, when he heareth the words of this curſe, that he bleſs himſelf in his heart, ſaying, I ſhall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart to add drunkenneſs to thirſt;

20 The Lord will not ſpare him, but then the anger of the Lord and his jealouſy ſhall ſmoke againſt that man, and all the curſes that are written in this book ſhall lie upon him, and the Lord ſhall blot out his name from under heaven.

21 And the Lord ſhall ſeparate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Iſrael, according to all the curſes of the covenant that are written in this book of the law:

22 So that the generation to come of your children that ſhall riſe up after you, and the ſtranger that ſhall come from a far land, ſhall ſay, when they ſee the plagues of that land, and the ſickneſſes which the Lord hath laid upon it;

23 And that the whole land thereof is brimſtone, and ſalt, and burning, that it is not ſown, nor beareth, nor any graſs groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the Lord overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath:

24 Even all nations ſhall ſay, Wherefore hath the Lord done thus unto this land? what meaneth the heat of this great anger?

25 Then men ſhall ſay, Becauſe they have forſaken the covenant of the Lord God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt:

26 For they went and ſerved other gods, and worſhipped them, gods whom they knew not, and whom he had not given unto them:

27 And the anger of the Lord was kindled againſt this land, to bring upon it all the curſes that are written in this book:

28 And the Lord rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and caſt them into another land, as it is this day.

29 The ſecret things belong unto the Lord our God; but thoſe things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

CHAP. XXX.

Great mercies promiſed unto the penitent.

AND it ſhall come to paſs when all theſe things are come upon thee, the bleſſing and the curſe, which I have ſet before thee, and thou ſhalt call them to mind among all the nations whither the Lord thy God hath driven thee;

2 And ſhalt return unto the Lord thy God, and ſhalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy ſoul;

3 That then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compaſſion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations whither the Lord thy God hath ſcattered thee.

Separate him unto evil, ver. 21.] To ſome peculiar and exemplary plague, and make him a monument of your diſpleaſure.

4 If any of thine be driven out unto the outmoſt parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:

5 And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers poſſeſſed, and thou ſhalt poſſeſs it: and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

6 And the Lord thy God will circumciſe thine heart, and the heart of thy ſeed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy ſoul, that thou mayeſt live.

7 And the Lord thy God wil put all theſe curſes upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which perſecuted thee.

8 And thou ſhalt return and obey the voice of the Lord, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.

9 And the Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good; for the Lord will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers:

10 If thou ſhalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God to keep his commandments, and his ſtatutes, which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the Lord thy God with all thine heart and with all thy ſoul.

11 ¶ For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off:

12 It is not in heaven, that thou ſhouldeſt ſay, Who ſhall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

13 Neither is it beyond the ſea, that thou ſhouldeſt ſay, Who ſhall go over the ſea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

14 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayeſt do it.

15 ¶ See, I have ſet before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

16 In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his ſtatutes, and his judgements, that thou mayeſt live and multiply: and the Lord thy God ſhall bleſs thee in the land whither thou goeſt to poſſeſs it.

17 But if thine heart turn away, ſo that thou wilt not hear, but ſhalt be drawn away, and worſhip other gods, and ſerve them;

18 I denounce unto you this day that ye ſhall ſurely periſh, and that ye ſhall not prolong your days upon the land whither thou paſſeſt over Jordan to go to poſſeſs it.

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day againſt you, that I have ſet before you life and death, bleſſing and curſing: therefore chooſe life, that both thou and thy ſeed may live:

20 That thou mayeſt love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayeſt obey his voice, and that thou mayeſt cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayeſt dwell in the land which the Lord ſware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Iſaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

Circumciſe thine heart, ver. 6.] Mortify thy corrupt affections and endue thee with his grace, whereby thou ſhalt be enabled to love, &c.

CHAP. XXXI.

Moſes encourageth the people and Joſhua.

AND Moſes went, and ſpake theſe words unto all Iſrael.

2 And he ſaid unto them, I am an hundred and twenty years old this day; I can no more go out and come in: alſo the Lord hath ſaid unto me, Thou ſhalt not go over this Jordan.

3 The Lord thy God he will go over before thee, and he will deſtroy theſe nations from before thee, and thou ſhalt poſſeſs them: and Joſhua, he ſhall go over before thee, as the Lord hath ſaid.

4 And the Lord ſhall do unto them as he did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and unto the land of them, whom he deſtroyed.

5 And the Lord ſhall give them up before your face, that ye may do unto them according unto all the commandments which I have commanded you.

6 Be ſtrong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee, he will not fail thee, nor forſake thee.

7 And Moſes called unto Joſhua, and ſaid unto him in the ſight of all Iſrael, Be ſtrong and of a good courage: for thou muſt go with this people unto the land which the Lord hath ſworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou ſhalt cauſe them to inherit it.

8 And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee, he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forſake thee: fear not, neither be diſmayed.

9 ¶ And Moſes wrote this law, and delivered it unto the prieſts the ſons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and unto all the elders of Iſrael.

10 And Moſes commanded them, ſaying, At the end of every ſeven years, in the ſolemnity of the year of releaſe, in the feaſt of tabernacles,

11 When all Iſrael is come to appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he ſhall chooſe: thou ſhalt read this law before all Iſrael in their hearing.

12 Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy ſtranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and obſerve to do all the words of this law;

13 And that their children, which have not known any thing, may hear, and learn to fear the Lord your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to poſſeſs it.

14 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Behold, thy days approach that thou muſt die; call Joſhua, and preſent yourſelves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Moſes and Joſhua went, and preſented themſelves in the tabernacle of the congregation.

15 And the Lord appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and a pillar of the cloud ſtood over the door of the tabernacle.

He will not fail thee, ver. 6.] Will not leave thee to thyſelf, but will always be preſent with thee in all thy undertakings, and make thee ſucceſsful therein.

16 And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Behold, thou ſhalt ſleep with thy fathers: and this people will riſe up, and go a whoring after the gods of the ſtrangers of the land whither they go to be among them, and will forſake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them:

17 Then my anger ſhall be kindled againſt them in that day, and I will forſake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they ſhall be devoured, and many evils and troubles ſhall befal them; ſo that they will ſay in that day, Are not theſe evils come upon us becauſe our God is not among us?

18 And I will ſurely hide my face in that day, for all the evils which they ſhall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.

19 ¶ Now therefore write ye this ſong for you, and teach it the children of Iſrael; put it in their mouths, that this ſong may be a witneſs for me againſt the children of Iſrael.

20 For when I ſhall have brought them into the land which I ſware unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they ſhall have eaten and filled themſelves, and waxen fat, then will they turn unto other gods, and ſerve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant.

21 And it ſhall come to paſs, when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this ſong ſhall teſtify againſt them as a witneſs: for it ſhall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their ſeed: for I know their imagination which they go about, even now before I have brought them into the land which I ſware.

22 Moſes therefore wrote this ſong the ſame day, and taught it the children of Iſrael.

23 And he gave Joſhua the ſon of Nun a charge, and ſaid, Be ſtrong, and of a good courage: for thou ſhalt bring the children of Iſrael into the land which I ſware unto them: and I will be with thee.

24 And it came to paſs when Moſes had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finiſhed;

25 That Moſes commanded the Levites which bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord, ſaying,

26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the ſide of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witneſs againſt thee.

27 For I know thy rebellion, and thy ſtiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious againſt the Lord; and how much more after my death?

28 Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may ſpeak theſe words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record againſt them.

29 For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourſelves, and turn aſide from the way which I have commanded you: and evil will befal you in the latter days; becauſe ye will do evil in the ſight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

For it ſhall not be forgotten, ver. 21.] They ſhall have ſad occaſion to remember it, when they feel the dreadful calamities mentioned in it.

30 And Moſes ſpake in the ears of all the congregation of Iſrael the words of this ſong, until they were ended.

CHAP. XXXII.

Moſes' ſong, which ſetteth forth God's mercy and vengeance.

GIVE ear, O ye heavens, and I will ſpeak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

2 My doctrine ſhall drop as the rain, my ſpeech ſhall diſtil as the dew, as the ſmall rain upon the tender herb, and as the ſhowers upon the graſs:

3 Becauſe I will publiſh the name of the Lord; aſcribe ye greatneſs unto our God.

4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are judgement; a God of truth, and without iniquity, juſt and right is he.

5 They have corrupted themſelves, their ſpot is not the ſpot of his children: they are a perverſe and crooked generation.

6 Do ye thus requite the Lord, O fooliſh people and unwiſe? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and eſtabliſhed thee?

7 Remember the days of old, conſider the years of many generations; aſk thy father, and he will ſhew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.

8 When the moſt High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he ſeparated the ſons of Adam, he ſet the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Iſrael.

9 For the Lord's portion is his people: Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

10 He found him in a deſert land, and in the waſte, howling wilderneſs; he led him about, he inſtructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

11 As an eagle ſtirreth up her neſt, fluttereth over her young, ſpreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings;

12 So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no ſtrange god with him.

13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increaſe of the fields; and he made him to ſuck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;

14 Butter of kine, and milk of ſheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Baſhan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didſt drink the pure blood of the grape.

15 But Jeſhurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatneſs: then he forſook God which made him, and lightly eſteemed the Rock of his ſalvation.

16 They provoked him to jealouſy with ſtrange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger.

17 They ſacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.

18 Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and haſt forgotten God that formed thee.

Aſcribe ye greatneſs unto our God, ver. 3.] Make it appear by your reverent attention, and ready obedience, that you own him for the great God.

19 And when the Lord ſaw it he abhorred them, becauſe of the provoking of his ſons, and of his daughters.

20 And he ſaid, I will hide my face from them, I will ſee what their end ſhall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith.

21 They have moved me to jealouſy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities; and I will move them to jealouſy with thoſe which are not a people, I will provoke them to anger with a fooliſh nation.

22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and ſhall burn unto the loweſt hell, and ſhall conſume the earth with her increaſe, and ſet on fire the foundations of the mountains.

23 I will heap miſchiefs upon them; I will ſpend mine arrows upon them.

24 They ſhall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter deſtruction: I will alſo ſend the teeth of beaſts upon them, with the poiſon of ſerpents of the duſt.

25 The ſword without, and terror within, ſhall deſtroy both the young man and the virgin, the ſuckling alſo with the man of gray hairs.

26 I ſaid I would ſcatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to ceaſe from among men;

27 Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, leſt their adverſaries ſhould behave themſelves ſtrangely, and leſt they ſhould ſay, Our hand is high, and the Lord hath not done all this.

28 For they are a nation void of counſel, neither is there any underſtanding in them.

29 O that they were wiſe, that they underſtood this, that they would conſider their latter end!

30 How ſhould one chaſe a thouſand, and two put ten thouſand to flight, except their rock had ſold them, and the Lord had ſhut them up?

31 For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themſelves being judges.

32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their cluſters are bitter:

33 Their wine is the poiſon of dragons, and the cruel venom of aſps.

34 Is not this laid up in ſtore with me, and ſealed up among my treaſures?

35 To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot ſhall ſlide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that ſhall come upon them make haſte.

36 For the Lord ſhall judge his people, and repent himſelf for his ſervants when he ſeeth that their power is gone, and there is none ſhut up, or left.

37 And he ſhall ſay, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they truſted,

38 Which did eat the fat of their ſacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink-offerings? let them riſe up and help you, and be your protection.

39 See now that I, even I am he, and there is no God with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: nei-

Their vine is of the vine of Sodom, ver. 32.] The lives of the Iſraelites are as abominable as thoſe of the men of Sodom.

ther is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

40 For I lift up my hand to heaven and ſay, I live for ever.

41 If I whet my glittering ſword, and mine hand take hold on judgement; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.

42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my ſword ſhall devour fleſh; and that with the blood of the ſlain, and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.

43 Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his ſervants, and will render vengeance to his adverſaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.

44 And Moſes came and ſpake all the words of this ſong in the ears of the people, he, and Hoſhea the ſon of Nun.

45 And Moſes made an end of ſpeaking all theſe words to all Iſrael:

46 ¶ And he ſaid unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I teſtify among you this day, which ye ſhall command your children to obſerve to do, all the words of this law.

47 For it is not a vain thing for you: becauſe it is your life; and through this thing ye ſhall prolong your days in the land whither ye go over Jordan to poſſeſs it.

48 And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes that ſelf ſame day, ſaying,

49 Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over-againſt Jericho: and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Iſrael for a poſſeſſion:

50 And die in the mount whither thou goeſt up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people:

51 Becauſe ye treſpaſſed againſt me among the children of Iſrael at the waters of Meribah-kadeſh, in the wilderneſs of Zin; becauſe ye ſanctified me not in the midſt of the children of Iſrael.

52 Yet thou ſhalt ſee the land before thee; but thou ſhalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Iſrael.

CHAP. XXXIII.

The majeſty of God: the bleſſings of the the twelve tribes: the excellency of Iſrael.

AND this is the bleſſing wherewith Moſes the man of God bleſſed the children of Iſrael before his death:

2 And he ſaid, The Lord came from Sinai, and roſe up from Seir unto them; he ſhined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thouſands of ſaints: from his right-hand went a fiery law for them.

3 Yea, he loved the people: all his ſaints are in thy hand: and they ſat down at thy feet: every one ſhall receive of thy words.

4 Moſes commanded us a law, even the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.

I live for ever, ver. 40.] As ſure as I live for ever I will deliver my people, and fully avenge myſelf on all my enemies.

5 And he was king in Jeſhurun, when the heads of the people and the tribes of Iſrael were gathered together.

6 ¶ Let Reuben live, and not die; and let not his men be few.

7 And this is the bleſſing of Judah: and he ſaid, Hear, Lord, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be ſufficient for him; and be thou an help to him from his enemies.

8 And of Levi he ſaid, Let thy Thummim and thy Urim be with thy Holy One, whom thou didſt prove at Maſſah, and with whom thou didſt ſtrive at the waters of Meribah;

9 Who ſaid unto his father, and to his mother, I have not ſeen him, neither did he acknowledge his brethren, nor knew his own children: for they have obſerved thy word, and kept thy covenant.

10 They ſhall teach Jacob thy judgements, and Iſrael thy law: they ſhall put incenſe before thee, and whole burnt-ſacrifice upon thine altar.

11 Bleſs, Lord, his ſubſtance, and accept the work of his hands: ſmite through the loins of them that riſe againſt him, and of them that hate him, that they riſe not again.

12 And of Benjamin he ſaid, The beloved of the Lord ſhall dwell in ſafety by him; and the Lord ſhall cover him all the day long, and he ſhall dwell between his ſhoulders.

13 And of Joſeph he ſaid, Bleſſed of the Lord be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath,

14 And for the precious fruits brought forth by the ſun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon,

15 And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the laſting hills,

16 And for the precious things of the earth, and fulneſs thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelt in the buſh: let the bleſſing come upon the head of Joſeph, and upon the top of the head of him that was ſeparated from his brethren.

17 His glory is like the firſtling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he ſhall puſh the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thouſands of Ephraim, and they are the thouſands of Manaſſeh.

18 And of Zebulun he ſaid, Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out; and Iſſachar, in thy tents.

19 They ſhall call the people unto the mountain, there they ſhall offer ſacrifices of righteouſneſs: for they ſhall ſuck of the abundance of the ſeas, and of treaſures hid in the ſand.

20 And of Gad he ſaid, Bleſſed be he that enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the arm with the crown of the head.

21 And he provided the firſt part for himſelf, becauſe there in a portion of the law-giver was he ſeated: and he came with the heads of the people, he executed the juſtice of the Lord, and his judgements with Iſrael.

22 And of Dan he ſaid, Dan is a lion's whelp: he ſhall leap from Baſhan.

Hear, Lord, the voice of Judah, ver. 7.] In due time ſatisfy his expectation and deſire, in ſettling the royal dignity, and raiſing up the Meſſiah, in that tribe, and the other bleſſings foretold by Jacob.

23 And of Naphtali he ſaid, O Naphtali, ſatisfied with favour, and full with the bleſſing of the Lord, poſſeſs thou the weſt and the ſouth.

24 And of Aſher he ſaid, Let Aſher be bleſſed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him dip his foot in oil.

25 Thy ſhoes ſhall be iron and braſs; and as thy days, ſo ſhall thy ſtrength be.

26 ¶ There is none like unto the God of Jeſhurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the ſky.

27 The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlaſting arms: and he ſhall thruſt out the enemy from before thee, and ſhall ſay, Deſtroy them.

28 Iſrael then ſhall dwell in ſafety alone; the fountain of Jacob ſhall be upon a land of corn and wine; alſo his heavens ſhall drop down dew.

29 Happy art thou, O Iſrael! who is like unto thee, O people, ſaved by the Lord, the ſhield of thy help, and who is the ſword of thy excellency! and thine enemies ſhall be found liars unto thee, and thou ſhalt tread upon their high places.

CHAP. XXXIV.

Moſes from mount Nebo vieweth the land.

AND Moſes went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Piſgah, that is over-againſt Jericho. And the Lord ſhewed him all the land of Gilead unto Dan.

2 And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manaſſeh, and all the land of Judah unto the utmoſt ſea,

3 And the ſouth, and the plain of the valley of Jericho the city of palm-trees, unto Zoar.

4 And the Lord ſaid unto him, This is the land which I ſware unto Abraham, unto Iſaac, and unto Jacob, ſaying, I will give it unto thy ſeed: I have cauſed thee to ſee it with thine eyes, but thou ſhalt not go over thither.

5 ¶ So Moſes the ſervant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord.

6 ¶ And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over-againſt Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his ſepulchre unto this day.

7 ¶ And Moſes was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

8 And the children of Iſrael wept for Moſes in the plains of Moab thirty days: ſo the days of weeping and mourning for Moſes were ended.

9 ¶ And Joſhua the ſon of Nun was full of the ſpirit of wiſdom; for Moſes had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Iſrael hearkened unto him, and did as the Lord commanded Moſes.

10 ¶ And there aroſe not a prophet ſince in Iſrael like unto Moſes, whom the Lord knew face to face:

11 In all the ſigns and the wonders which the Lord ſent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his ſervants, and to all his land,

12 And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moſes ſhewed in the ſight of all Iſrael.

O Naphtali, ſatisfied with favour, ver. 23.] A rich, fruitful country; where alſo Chriſt was much converſant.

THE BOOK

OF

JOSHUA.

CHAP. I.

The Lord appointeth Joſhua to ſucceed Moſes, &c.

NOW after the death of Moſes the ſervant of the Lord, it came to paſs, that the Lord ſpake unto Joſhua the ſon of Nun, Moſes' miniſter, ſaying,

2 Moſes my ſervant is dead; now therefore ariſe, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Iſrael.

3 ¶ Every place that the ſole of your foot ſhall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I ſaid unto Moſes.

4 From the wilderneſs and this Lebanon, even unto the great river the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great ſea, toward the going down of the ſun, ſhall be your coaſt.

5 ¶ There ſhall not any man be able to ſtand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moſes, ſo I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forſake thee.

6 Be ſtrong and of a good courage: for unto this people ſhalt thou divide for an inheritance the land which I ſware unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be thou ſtrong and very courageous, that thou mayeſt obſerve to do according to all the law which Moſes my ſervant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right-hand or to the left, that thou mayeſt proſper whitherſoever thou goeſt.

8 ¶ This book of the law ſhall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou ſhalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayeſt obſerve to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou ſhalt make thy way proſperous, and then thou ſhalt have good ſucceſs.

9 ¶ Have not I commanded thee? Be ſtrong and of a good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou diſmayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whitherſoever thou goeſt.

10 Then Joſhua commanded the officers of the people, ſaying,

11 Paſs through the hoſt, and command the people, ſaying, Prepare ye victuals: for within three days ye ſhall

The river Euphrates, ver. 4.] Though they never had the poſſeſſion, yet they had the dominion ſo far; thoſe lands being tributary to them in David's and Solomon's time.

paſs over this Jordan, to go in to poſſeſs the land which the Lord your God giveth you to poſſeſs it.

12 And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manaſſeh ſpake Joſhua, ſaying,

13 Remember the word which Moſes the ſervant of the Lord commanded you, ſaying, The Lord your God hath given you reſt, and hath given you this land.

14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, ſhall remain in the land which Moſes gave you on this ſide Jordan; but ye ſhall paſs before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them:

15 Until the Lord hath given your brethren reſt, as he hath given you, and they alſo have poſſeſſed the land which the Lord your God giveth them; then ye ſhall return unto the land of your poſſeſſion, and enjoy it, which Moſes the Lord's ſervant gave you on this ſide Jordan toward the ſun-riſing.

16 And they anſwered Joſhua, ſaying, All that thou commandeſt us we will do, and whitherſoever thou ſendeſt us we will go.

17 According as we hearkened unto Moſes in all things, ſo will we hearken unto thee, only the Lord thy God be with thee, as he was with Moſes.

18 Whoſoever he be that doth rebel againſt thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandeſt him, he ſhall be put to death: only be ſtrong and of a good courage.

CHAP. II.

Rahab receiveth and concealeth the two ſpies ſent from Shittim, &c.

AND Joſhua the ſon of Nun ſent out of Shittim two men to ſpy ſecretly, ſaying, Go view the land, even Jericho: and they went, and came into an harlot's houſe, named Rahab, and lodged there.

2 And it was told the king of Jericho, ſaying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Iſrael to ſearch out the country.

3 And the king of Jericho ſent unto Rahab, ſaying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine houſe: for they be come to ſearch out all the country.

4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and ſaid thus, There came men unto me, but I wiſt not whence they were:

5 And it came to paſs about the time of ſhutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: purſue after them quickly; for ye ſhall overtake them.

6 But ſhe had brought them up to the roof of the houſe, and hid them with the ſtalks of flax, which ſhe had laid in order upon the roof.

7 And men purſued after them the way to Jordan, unto the fords: and as ſoon as they which purſued after them were gone out, they ſhut the gate.

8 ¶ And before they were laid down, ſhe came up unto them upon the roof;

An harlot's houſe, ver. 1.] An hoſteſs, and harlot alſo, but probably was now reclaimed from it; for her diſcourſe with the ſpies favours of religion, and the fear of God.

9 And ſhe ſaid unto the men, I know that the Lord hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint becauſe of you.

10 For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red-ſea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites that were on the other ſide Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly deſtroyed.

11 And as ſoon as we had heard theſe things our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, becauſe of you: for the Lord your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

12 Now therefore, I pray you, ſwear unto me by the Lord, ſince I have ſhewed you kindneſs, that ye will alſo ſhew kindneſs unto my father's houſe; and give me a true token:

13 And that ye will ſave alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my ſiſters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.

14 And the men anſwered her, Our life for your's if ye utter not this our buſineſs. And it ſhall be when the Lord hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

15 Then ſhe let them down by a cord through the window: for her houſe was upon the town-wall, and ſhe dwelt upon the wall.

16 And ſhe ſaid unto them, Get ye to the mountain, leſt the purſuers meet you; and hide yourſelves there three days, until the purſuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.

17 And the men ſaid unto her, We will be blameleſs of this thine oath which thou haſt made us ſwear.

18 Behold, when we come into the land, thou ſhalt bind this line of ſcarlet thread in the window which thou didſt let us down by: and thou ſhalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's houſhold home unto thee.

19 And it ſhall be that whoſoever ſhall go out of the doors of thy houſe into the ſtreet, his blood ſhall be upon his head, and we will be guiltleſs: and whoſoever ſhall be with thee in the houſe, his blood ſhall be on our head, if any hand be upon him.

20 And if thou utter this our buſineſs, then we will be quit of thine oath which thou haſt made us to ſwear.

21 And ſhe ſaid, According unto your words, ſo be it. And ſhe ſent them away, and they departed. And ſhe bound the ſcarlet line in the window.

22 And they went and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the purſuers were returned. And the purſuers ſought them throughout all the way, but found them not.

23 ¶ So the two men returned, and deſcended from the mountain, and paſſed over, and came to Joſhua the ſon of Nun, and told him all things that befel them:

24 And they ſaid unto Joſhua, Truly the Lord hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabi-

Swear unto me by the Lord, ver. 12.] A ſingular act of faith, whereby ſhe treats with them as if they had already conquered the city.

tants of the country do faint becauſe of us.

CHAP. III.

Joſhua cometh to Jordan, &c.

AND Joſhua roſe early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Iſrael, and lodged there before they paſſed over.

2 And it came to paſs, after three days, that the officers went through the hoſt;

3 And they commanded the people, ſaying, When ye ſee the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the prieſts the Levites bearing it, then ye ſhall remove from your place, and go after it.

4 Yet there ſhall be a ſpace between you and it, about two thouſand cubits by meaſure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye muſt go: for ye have not paſſed this way heretofore.

5 And Joſhua ſaid unto the people, Sanctify yourſelves: for to-morrow the Lord will do wonders among you.

6 And Joſhua ſpake unto the prieſts, ſaying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and paſs over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

7 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Joſhua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the ſight of all Iſrael, that they may know that as I was with Moſes, ſo I will be with thee.

8 And thou ſhalt command the prieſts that bear the ark of the covenant, ſaying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye ſhall ſtand ſtill in Jordan.

9 ¶ And Joſhua ſaid unto the children of Iſrael, Come hither, and hear the words of the Lord your God.

10 And Joſhua ſaid, Hereby ye ſhall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgaſhites, and the Amorites, and the Jebuſites.

11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth paſſeth over before you into Jordan.

12 Now therefore take ye twelve men out of the tribes of Iſrael, out of every tribe a man.

13 And it ſhall come to paſs, as ſoon as the ſoles of the feet of the prieſts that bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, ſhall reſt in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan ſhall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they ſhall ſtand upon an heap.

14 ¶ And it came to paſs when the people removed from their tents to paſs over Jordan, and the prieſts bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;

15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the prieſts that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harveſt,)

Sanctify yourſelves, ver. 5.] Endeavour to bring your hearts to a holy flame, that with faith, reverence, and admiration, you may behold the great work that God will do for you.

16 That the waters which came down from above ſtood and roſe up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beſide Zaretan; and thoſe that came down toward the ſea of the plain, even the ſalt-ſea, failed, and were cut off: and the people paſſed over right againſt Jericho.

17 And the prieſts that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord ſtood firm on dry ground in the midſt of Jordan; and all the Iſraelites paſſed over on dry ground, until all the people were paſſed clean over Jordan.

CHAP. IV.

Twelve ſtones taken for a memorial out of Jordan, &c.

AND it came to paſs when all the people were clean paſſed over Jordan, that the Lord ſpake unto Joſhua, ſaying,

2 Take ye twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man;

3 And command ye them, ſaying, Take ye hence out of the midſt of Jordan, out of the place where the prieſts' feet ſtood firm, twelve ſtones, and ye ſhall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging-place, where ye ſhall lodge this night.

4 Then Joſhua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Iſrael, out of every tribe a man:

5 And Joſhua ſaid unto them, Paſs over before the ark of the Lord your God into the midſt of Jordan, and take ye up every man of you a ſtone upon his ſhoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Iſrael:

6 That this may be a ſign among you, that when your children aſk their fathers in time to come, ſaying, What mean ye by theſe ſtones?

7 Then ye ſhall anſwer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it paſſed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and theſe ſtones ſhall be for a memorial unto the children of Iſrael for ever.

8 And the children of Iſrael did ſo as Joſhua commanded, and took up twelve ſtones out of the midſt of Jordan, as the Lord ſpake unto Joſhua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Iſrael, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

9 ¶ And Joſhua ſet up twelve ſtones in the midſt of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the prieſts which bare the ark of the covenant ſtood; and they are there unto this day.

10 ¶ For the prieſts which bare the ark ſtood in the midſt of Jordan, until every thing was finiſhed that the Lord commanded Joſhua to ſpeak unto the people, according to all that Moſes commanded Joſhua: and the people haſted and paſſed over.

11 And it came to paſs, when all the people were clean paſſed over, that the ark of the Lord paſſed over, and the prieſts in the preſence of the people.

Haſted and paſſed over, ver. 10.] As apprehending great danger while they were in their paſſage, by reaſon of the mountains of water that ſeemed ready to overwhelm them.

12 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manaſſeh, paſſed over armed before the children of Iſrael, as Moſes ſpake unto them;

13 About forty thouſand prepared for war paſſed over before the Lord unto battle, to the plains of Jericho.

14 ¶ On that day the Lord magnified Joſhua in the ſight of all Iſrael; and they feared him, as they feared Moſes, all the days of his life.

15 And the Lord ſpake unto Joſhua, ſaying,

16 Command the prieſts that bear the ark of the teſtimony, that they come up out of Jordan.

17 Joſhua therefore commanded the prieſts, ſaying, Come ye up out of Jordan.

18 And it came to paſs when the prieſts that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord were come up out of the midſt of Jordan, and the ſoles of the prieſts' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as they did before.

19 ¶ And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the firſt month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the eaſt border of Jericho.

20 ¶ And thoſe twelve ſtones which they took out of Jordan did Joſhua pitch in Gilgal.

21 And he ſpake unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, When your children ſhall aſk their fathers in time to come, ſaying, What mean theſe ſtones?

22 Then ye ſhall let your children know, ſaying, Iſrael came over this Jordan on dry land.

23 For the Lord your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were paſſed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red-ſea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over:

24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the Lord your God for ever.

CHAP. V.

The Canaanites are afraid.

AND it came to paſs when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the ſide of Jordan weſt-ward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the ſea; heard that the Lord had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Iſrael, until we were paſſed over, that their heart melted; neither was there ſpirit in them any more, becauſe of the children of Iſrael.

2 ¶ At that time the Lord ſaid unto Joſhua, Make thee ſharp knives, and circumciſe again the children of Iſrael the ſecond time.

3 And Joſhua made him ſharp knives, and circumciſed the children of Iſrael at the hill of the foreſkins.

4 And this is the cauſe why Joſhua did circumciſe: all the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderneſs by the way, after they came out of Egypt.

Encamped, &c. ver. 19.] Pitched their ſtanding camp, while part of the army marched on further, to conquer the country; and from thence they ſent out parties, as there was occaſion.

5 Now all the people that came out were circumciſed; but all the people that were born in the wilderneſs by the way, as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumciſed.

6 For the children of Iſrael walked forty years in the wilderneſs, till all the people that were men of war which came out of Egypt were conſumed, becauſe they obeyed not the voice of the Lord: unto whom the Lord ſware, that he would not ſhew them the land which the Lord ſware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

7 And their children, whom he raiſed up in their ſtead, them Joſhua circumciſed; for they were uncircumciſed, becauſe they had not circumciſed them by the way.

8 And it came to paſs when they had done circumciſing all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp till they were whole.

9 And the Lord ſaid unto Joſhua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

10 ¶ And the children of Iſrael encamped in Gilgal, and kept the paſſover on the fourteenth day of the month at even, in the plains of Jericho.

11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the paſſover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the ſelf-ſame day.

12 And the manna ceaſed on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Iſrael manna any more, but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

13 ¶ And it came to paſs when Joſhua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, there ſtood a man over-againſt him with his ſword drawn in his hand: and Joſhua went unto him, and ſaid unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adverſaries?

14 And he ſaid, Nay; but as captain of the hoſt of the Lord am I now come. And Joſhua fell on his face to the earth, and did worſhip, and ſaid unto him, What ſaith my Lord unto his ſervant?

15 And the captain of the Lord's hoſt ſaid unto Joſhua, Looſe thy ſhoe from off thy foot: for the place whereon thou ſtandeſt is holy. And Joſhua did ſo.

CHAP. VI.

Jericho is ſhut up, &c.

NOW Jericho was ſtraitly ſhut up, becauſe of the children of Iſrael: none went out, and none came in.

2 And the Lord ſaid unto Joſhua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.

3 And ye ſhall compaſs the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus ſhalt thou do ſix days.

4 And ſeven prieſts ſhall bear before the ark ſeven trumpets of rams' horns: and the ſeventh day ye ſhall compaſs

There ſtood a man, ver. 13.] The Lord Chriſt, who appeared often in human ſhape, as a preparative to his incarnation.

the city ſeven times, and the prieſts ſhall blow with the trumpets.

5 And it ſhall come to paſs that when they make a long blaſt with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the ſound of the trumpet, all the people ſhall ſhout with a great ſhout: and the wall of the city ſhall fall down flat, and the people ſhall aſcend up, every man ſtraight before him.

6 And Joſhua the ſon of Nun called the prieſts, and ſaid unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let ſeven prieſts bear ſeven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord.

7 And he ſaid unto the people, Paſs on, and compaſs the city, and let him that is armed paſs on before the ark of the Lord.

8 And it came to paſs when Joſhua had ſpoken unto the people, that the ſeven prieſts bearing the ſeven trumpets of rams' horns paſſed on before the Lord, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the Lord followed them.

9 And the armed men went before the prieſts that blew with the trumpets, and the rere-ward came after the ark, the prieſts going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

10 And Joſhua had commanded the people, ſaying, Ye ſhall not ſhout, nor make any noiſe with your voice, neither ſhall any word proceed out of your mouth until the day I bid you ſhout; then ſhall ye ſhout:

11 So the ark of the Lord compaſſed the city, going about it once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

12 And Joſhua roſe early in the morning, and the prieſts took up the ark of the Lord.

13 And ſeven prieſts bearing ſeven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rere-ward came after the ark of the Lord, the prieſts going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

14 And the ſecond day they compaſſed the city once, and returned into the camp. So they did ſix days.

15 And it came to paſs on the ſeventh day, that they roſe early, about the dawning of the day, and compaſſed the city after the ſame manner ſeven times: only on that day they compaſſed the city ſeven times.

16 And it came to paſs at the ſeventh time, when the prieſts blew with the trumpets, Joſhua ſaid unto the people, Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city.

17 And the city ſhall be accurſed, even it and all that are therein, to the Lord: only Rahab the harlot ſhall live, ſhe and all that are with her in the houſe, becauſe ſhe hid the meſſengers that we ſent.

18 And you, in any wiſe keep yourſelves from the accurſed thing, leſt ye make yourſelves accurſed when ye take of the accurſed thing, and make the camp of Iſrael a curſe, and trouble it.

19 But all the ſilver and gold, and veſſels of braſs and iron, are conſecrated

The wall of the city ſhall fall down, ver. 5.] So much of it as was ſufficient to give the Iſraelites free entrance.

unto the Lord: they ſhall come into the treaſury of the Lord.

20 ¶ So the people ſhouted when the prieſts blew with the trumpets. And it came to paſs, when the people heard the ſound of the trumpets, and the people ſhouted with a great ſhout, that the wall fell down flat, ſo that the people went up into the city, every man ſtraight before him, and they took the city.

21 And they utterly deſtroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and ſheep, and aſs, with the edge of the ſword.

22 ¶ But Joſhua had ſaid unto the two men that had ſpied out the country, Go into the harlot's houſe, and bring out thence the woman, and all that ſhe hath, as ye ſware unto her.

23 And the young men that were ſpies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that ſhe had: and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Iſrael.

24 And they burned the city with fire, and all that was therein: only the ſilver and the gold, and the veſſels of braſs and of iron, they put into the treaſury of the houſe of the Lord.

25 And Joſhua ſaved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's houſhold, and all that ſhe had: and ſhe dwelleth in Iſrael, even unto this day: becauſe ſhe hid the meſſengers which Joſhua ſent to ſpy out Jericho.

26 ¶ And Joſhua adjured them at that time, ſaying, Curſed be the man before the Lord that riſeth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he ſhall lay the foundation thereof in his firſt-born, and in his youngeſt ſon ſhall he ſet up the gates of it.

27 So the Lord was with Joſhua; and his fame was noiſed throughout all the country.

CHAP. VII.

The Iſraelites ſmitten at Ai, &c.

BUT the children of Iſrael committed a treſpaſs in the accurſed thing. For Achan the ſon of Carmi, the ſon of Zabdi, the ſon of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accurſed thing: and the anger of the Lord was kindled againſt the children of Iſrael.

2 And Joſhua ſent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beſide Beth-aven, on the eaſt ſide of Beth-el, and ſpake unto them, ſaying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai.

3 And they returned to Joſhua, and ſaid unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thouſand men go up and ſmite Ai, and make not all the people to labour thither; for they are but few.

4 So there went up thither of the people about three thouſand men: and they fled before the men of Ai.

5 And the men of Ai ſmote of them about thirty and ſix men: for they chaſed them from before the gate even unto Shebarim, and ſmote them in the going down. Wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

And ſhe dwelleth in Iſrael, ver. 25.] Being married to Salmon, a prince of the tribe of Judah, one of Chriſt's progenitors. A notable inſtance of free-grace.

6 ¶ And Joſhua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the Lord until the even-tide, he and the elders of Iſrael, and put duſt upon their heads.

7 And Joſhua ſaid, Alas, O Lord God, wherefore haſt thou at all brought this people over Jordan to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to deſtroy us? Would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other ſide Jordan.

8 O Lord, what ſhall I ſay, when Iſrael turneth their backs before their enemies?

9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land ſhall hear of it, and ſhall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

10 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Joſhua, Get thee up; wherefore lieſt thou thus upon thy face?

11 Iſrael hath ſinned, and they have alſo tranſgreſſed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accurſed thing, and have alſo ſtolen, and diſſembled alſo, and they have put it even among their own ſtuff.

12 Therefore the children of Iſrael could not ſtand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, becauſe they were accurſed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye deſtroy the accurſed from among you.

13 Up, ſanctify the people, and ſay, Sanctify yourſelves againſt to-morrow: for thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſrael, There is an accurſed thing in the midſt of thee, O Iſrael: thou canſt not ſtand before thine enemies until ye take away the accurſed thing from among you.

14 In the morning therefore ye ſhall be brought according to your tribes: and it ſhall be that the tribe which the Lord taketh ſhall come according to the families thereof; and the family which the Lord ſhall take ſhall come by houſholds; and the houſhold which the Lord ſhall take ſhall come man by man:

15 And it ſhall be, that he that is taken with the accurſed thing ſhall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: becauſe he hath tranſgreſſed the covenant of the Lord, and becauſe he hath wrought folly in Iſrael.

16 ¶ So Joſhua roſe up early in the morning, and brought Iſrael by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken:

17 And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zarhites: and he brought the family of the Zarhites man by man; and Zabdi was taken:

18 And he brought his houſhold man by man; and Achan the ſon of Carmi, the ſon of Zabdi, the ſon of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19 ¶ And Joſhua ſaid unto Achan, My ſon, give, I pray thee, glory to the Lord God of Iſrael, and make confeſſion unto him; and tell me now what thou haſt done; hide it not from me.

What wilt thou do, &c. ver. 9.] To preſerve the honour of thy name, when upon this occaſion the Canaanites ſhall blaſpheme it.

20 And Achan anſwered Joſhua, and ſaid, Indeed I have ſinned againſt the Lord God of Iſrael, and thus and thus have I done.

21 When I ſaw among the ſpoils a goodly Babyloniſh garment, and two hundred ſhekels of ſilver, and a wedge of gold of fifty ſhekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and behold, they are hid in the earth in the midſt of my tent, and the ſilver under it.

22 ¶ So Joſhua ſent meſſengers, and they ran unto the tent; and behold, it was hid in his tent, and the ſilver under it.

23 And they took them out of the midſt of the tent, and brought them unto Joſhua, and unto all the children of Iſrael, and laid them out before the Lord.

24 And Joſhua and all Iſrael with him took Achan the ſon of Zerah, and the ſilver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his ſons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his aſſes, and his ſheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor.

25 And Joſhua ſaid, Why haſt thou troubled us? the Lord ſhall trouble thee this day. And all Iſrael ſtoned him with ſtones, and burned them with fire, after they had ſtoned them with ſtones.

26 And they raiſed over him a great heap of ſtones unto this day. So the Lord turned from the fierceneſs of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor unto this day.

CHAP. VIII.

God encourageth Joſhua.

AND the Lord ſaid unto Joſhua, Fear not, neither be thou diſmayed; take all the people of war with thee, and ariſe, go up to Ai: ſee, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land:

2 And thou ſhalt do to Ai and her king as thou didſt unto Jericho and her king: only the ſpoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, ſhall ye take for a prey unto yourſelves. Lay thee an ambuſh for the city behind it.

3 ¶ So Joſhua aroſe, and all the people of war, to go up againſt Ai: and Joſhua choſe out thirty thouſand mighty men of valour, and ſent them away by night.

4 And he commanded them, ſaying, Behold, ye ſhall lie in wait againſt the city, even behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready:

5 And I, and all the people that are with me, will approach unto the city; and it ſhall come to paſs, when they come out againſt us, as at the firſt, that we will flee before them,

6 (For they will come out after us) till we have drawn them from the city: for they will ſay, They flee before us, as at the firſt: therefore we will flee before them.

7 Then ye ſhall riſe up from the ambuſh, and ſeize upon the city: for the Lord your God will deliver it into your hand.

And his ſons, and his daughters, ver. 24.] Who, perhaps, might be privy to what he had done; or had ſin enough of their own to be puniſhed for.

8 And it ſhall be when ye have taken the city, that ye ſhall ſet the city on fire: according to the commandment of the Lord ſhall ye do. See, I have commanded you.

9 Joſhua therefore ſent them forth; and they went to lie in ambuſh, and abode between Beth-el and Ai, on the weſt ſide of Ai: but Joſhua lodged that night among the people.

10 And Joſhua roſe up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Iſrael, before the people to Ai.

11 And all the people, even the people of war that were with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north ſide of Ai: now there was a valley between them and Ai.

12 And he took about five thouſand men, and ſet them to lie in ambuſh between Beth-el and Ai, onthe weſt ſide of the city.

13 And when they had ſet the people, even all the hoſt that was on the north of the city, and their liers in wait on the weſt of the city, Joſhua went that night into the midſt of the valley.

14 And it came to paſs, when the king of Ai ſaw it, that they haſted and roſe up early, and the men of the city went out againſt Iſrael to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain: but he wiſt not that there were liers in ambuſh againſt him behind the city.

15 And Joſhua and all Iſrael made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderneſs.

16 And all the people that were in Ai were called together to purſue after them: and they purſued after Joſhua, and were drawn away from the city.

17 And there was not a man left in Ai, or Beth-el, that went not out after Iſrael: and they left the city open, and purſued after Iſrael.

18 And the Lord ſaid unto Joſhua, Stretch out the ſpear that is in thy hand toward Ai: for I will give it into thine hand. And Joſhua ſtretched out the ſpear that he had in his hand toward the city.

19 And the ambuſh aroſe quickly out of their place, and they ran as ſoon as he had ſtretched out his hand: and they entered into the city, and took it, and haſted, and ſet the city on fire.

20 And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they ſaw, and behold, the ſmoke of the city aſcended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way; and the people that fled to the wilderneſs turned back upon the purſuers.

21 And when Joſhua and all Iſrael ſaw that the ambuſh had taken the city, and that the ſmoke of the city aſcended, then they turned again, and ſlew the men of Ai.

22 And the other iſſued out of the city againſt them: ſo they were in the midſt of Iſrael, ſome on this ſide, and ſome on that ſide: and they ſmote them, ſo that they let none of them remain or eſcape.

23 And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joſhua.

24 And it came to paſs, when Iſrael had made an end of ſlaying all the inhabitants of Ai, in the field, in the wilderneſs wherein they chaſed them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the ſword, until they were conſumed, that all the Iſraelites returned unto Ai, and ſmote it with the edge of the ſword.

25 And ſo it was, that all that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thouſand, even all the men of Ai.

26 For Joſhua drew not his hand back wherewith he ſtretched out the ſpear, until he had utterly deſtroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

27 Only the cattle and the ſpoil of that city Iſrael took for a prey unto themſelves, according unto the word of the Lord which he commanded Joſhua.

28 And Joſhua burnt Ai, and made it an heap for ever, even a deſolation unto this day.

29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until even-tide. And as ſoon as the ſun was down, Joſhua commanded that they ſhould take his carcaſs down from the tree, and caſt it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raiſe thereon a great heap of ſtones, that remaineth unto this day.

30 ¶ Then Joſhua built an altar unto the Lord God of Iſrael in mount Ebal,

31 As Moſes the ſervant of the Lord commanded the children of Iſrael, as it is written in the book of the law of Moſes, an altar of whole ſtones, over which no man hath lifted up any iron: and they offered thereon burnt-offerings unto the Lord, and ſacrificed peace-offerings.

32 ¶ And he wrote there upon the ſtones a copy of the law of Moſes, which he wrote in the preſence of the children of Iſrael.

33 ¶ And all Iſrael, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, ſtood on this ſide the ark and on that ſide, before the prieſts the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord, as well the ſtranger as he that was born among them; half of them over-againſt mount Gerizim, and half of them over-againſt mount Ebal; as Moſes the ſervant of the Lord had commanded before, that they ſhould bleſs the people of Iſrael.

34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the bleſſings and curſings, according to all that is written in the book of the law.

35 There was not a word of all that Moſes commanded which Joſhua read not before all the congregation of Iſrael, with the women, and the little ones, and the ſtrangers that were converſant among them.

CHAP. IX.

The kings combine againſt Iſrael.

AND it came to paſs, when all the kings which were on this ſide Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coaſts of the great ſea over-againſt Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amor-

Joſhua drew not his hand back, ver. 26.] Kept his hand and ſpear in the ſame poſture, as a ſign both to encourage and direct them to go on in the work.

ite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebuſite, heard thereof;

2 That they gathered themſelves together to fight with Joſhua and with Iſrael, with one accord.

3 ¶ And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joſhua had done unto Jericho and to Ai,

4 They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambaſſadors, and took old ſacks upon their aſſes, and wine-bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;

5 And old ſhoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their proviſion was dry and mouldy.

6 And they went to Joſhua unto the camp at Gilgal, and ſaid unto him, and to the men of Iſrael, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.

7 And the men of Iſrael ſaid unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how ſhall we make a league with you?

8 And they ſaid unto Joſhua, We are thy ſervants. And Joſhua ſaid unto them, Who are ye? and from whence come ye?

9 And they ſaid unto him, From a very far country thy ſervants are come, becauſe of the name of the Lord thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,

10 And all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites that were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heſhbon, and to Og king of Baſhan, which was at Aſhtaroth.

11 Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country ſpake to us, ſaying, Take victuals with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and ſay unto them, We are your ſervants: therefore now make ye a league with us.

12 This our bread we took hot for our proviſion out of our houſes on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy;

13 And theſe bottles of wine which we filled were new; and behold they be rent: and theſe our garments, and our ſhoes, are become old by reaſon of the very long journey.

14 And the men took of their victuals, and aſked not counſel at the mouth of the Lord.

15 And Joſhua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation ſware unto them.

16 ¶ And it came to paſs, at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they were their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them.

17 And the children of Iſrael journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath-jearim.

18 And the children of Iſrael ſmote them not, becauſe the princes of the congregation had ſworn unto them by the Lord God of Iſrael. And all the congregation murmured againſt the princes.

Come from a far country, ver. 6.] With whom it was lawful for them to make peace, but not with any of the inhabitants.

19 But all the princes ſaid unto all the congregation, We have ſworn unto them by the Lord God of Iſrael: now therefore we may not touch them.

20 This we will do to them; we will even let them live, leſt wrath be upon us becauſe of the oath which we ſware unto them.

21 And the princes ſaid unto them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation: as the princes had promiſed them.

22 And Joſhua called for them, and he ſpake unto them, ſaying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, ſaying, We are very far from you; when ye dwell among us?

23 Now therefore ye are curſed, and there ſhall none of you be freed from being bond-men, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the houſe of my God.

24 And they anſwered Joſhua, and ſaid, Becauſe it was certainly told thy ſervants, how that the Lord thy God commanded his ſervant Moſes to give you all the land, and to deſtroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were ſore afraid of our lives becauſe of you, and have done this thing.

25 And now behold, we are in thine hand: as it ſeemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do.

26 And ſo did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Iſrael that they ſlew them not.

27 And Joſhua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the Lord even unto this day, in the place which he ſhould chooſe.

CHAP. X.

Five kings war againſt Gibeon, &c.

NOW it came to paſs, when Adoni-zedec king of Jeruſalem had heard how Joſhua had taken Ai, and had utterly deſtroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, ſo he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Iſrael, and were among them;

2 That they feared greatly, becauſe Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and becauſe it was greater than Ai, and all the men thereof were mighty.

3 Wherefore Adoni-zedec king of Jeruſalem ſent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachiſh, and unto Debir king of Eglon, ſaying,

4 Come up unto me and help me, that we may ſmite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joſhua, and with the children of Iſrael.

5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jeruſalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachiſh, the king of Eglon, gathered themſelves together, and went up, they and all their hoſts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war againſt it.

6 ¶ And the men of Gibeon ſent unto Joſhua to the camp to Gilgal, ſaying,

Hewers of wood, &c. ver. 21.] Put into places of the greateſt drudgery and meaneſt employment, by way of puniſhment for their fraud.

Slack not thy hand from thy ſervants; come up to us quickly, and ſave us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together againſt us.

7 So Joſhua aſcended from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour.

8 And the Lord ſaid unto Joſhua, Fear them not; for I have delivered them into thine hand; there ſhall not a man of them ſtand before thee.

9 Joſhua therefore came unto them ſuddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night.

10 And the Lord diſcomfited them before Iſrael, and ſlew them with a great ſlaughter at Gibeon, and chaſed them along the way that goeth up to Beth-horon, and ſmote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah.

11 And it came to paſs, as they fled from before Iſrael, and were in the going down to Beth-horon, that the Lord caſt down great ſtones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailſtones than they whom the children of Iſrael ſlew with the ſword.

12 ¶ Then ſpake Joſhua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Iſrael, and he ſaid in the ſight of Iſrael, Sun, ſtand thou ſtill upon Gibeon, and thou, moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

13 And the ſun ſtood ſtill, and the moon ſtayed, until the people had avenged themſelves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jaſher? So the ſun ſtood ſtill in the midſt of heaven, and haſted not to go down about a whole day.

14 And there was no day like that, before it, or after it, that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the Lord fought for Iſrael.

15 And Joſhua returned, and all Iſrael with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

16 But theſe five kings fled, and hid themſelves in a cave at Makkedah.

17 And it was told Joſhua, ſaying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah.

18 And Joſhua ſaid, Roll great ſtones upon the mouth of the cave, and ſet men by it for to keep them:

19 And ſtay ye not, but purſue after your enemies, and ſmite the hindmoſt of them; ſuffer them not to enter into their cities: for the Lord your God hath delivered them into your hand.

20 And it came to paſs, when Joſhua and the children of Iſrael had made an end of ſlaying them with a very great ſlaughter till they were conſumed, that the reſt which remained of them entered into fenced cities.

21 And all the people returned to the camp to Joſhua at Makkedah in peace: none moved his tongue againſt any of the children of Iſrael.

22 Then ſaid Joſhua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out thoſe five kings unto me out of the cave.

23 And they did ſo, and brought forth thoſe five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jeruſalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachiſh, and the king of Eglon.

Fear them not, ver. 8.] A ſign that God was pleaſed with their ſparing the Gibeonites; otherwiſe he would not have proſpered them in fighting for their defence.

24 And it came to paſs, when they brought out thoſe kings unto Joſhua, that Joſhua called for all the men of Iſrael, and ſaid unto the captains of the men of war, which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of theſe kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them.

25 And Joſhua ſaid unto them, Fear not, nor be diſmayed, be ſtrong and of good courage: for thus ſhall the Lord do to all your enemies againſt whom ye fight.

26 And afterward Joſhua ſmote them, and ſlew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening.

27 And it came to paſs, at the time of the going down of the ſun, that Joſhua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and caſt them into the cave wherein they had been hid, and laid great ſtones in the cave's mouth, which remain until this very day.

28 And that day Joſhua took Makkedah, and ſmote it with the edge of the ſword, and the king thereof he utterly deſtroyed, them, and all the ſouls that were therein; he let none remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did unto the king of Jericho.

29 Then Joſhua paſſed from Makkedah, and all Iſrael with him, unto Libnah, and fought againſt Libnah:

30 And the Lord delivered it alſo, and the king thereof, into the hand of Iſrael; and he ſmote it with the edge of the ſword, and all the ſouls that were therein; he let none remain in it: but did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Jericho.

31 And Joſhua paſſed from Libnah, and all Iſrael with him, unto Lachiſh; and encamped againſt it, and fought againſt it:

32 And the Lord delivered Lachiſh into the hand of Iſrael, which took it on the ſecond day, and ſmote it with the edge of the ſword, and all the ſouls that were therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

33 Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachiſh: and Joſhua ſmote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

34 And from Lachiſh Joſhua paſſed unto Eglon, and all Iſrael with him; and they encamped againſt it, and fought againſt it:

35 And they took it on that day, and ſmote it with the edge of the ſword, and all the ſouls that were therein he utterly deſtroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachiſh.

36 And Joſhua went up from Eglon, and all Iſrael with him, unto Hebron; and they fought againſt it:

37 And they took it, and ſmote it with the edge of the ſword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the ſouls that were therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon: but deſtroyed it utterly, and all the ſouls that were therein.

38 And Joſhua returned, and all Iſrael with him, to Debir; and fought againſt it.

39 And he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they ſmote them with the edge of the ſword, and utterly deſtroyed all the ſouls that were therein; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, ſo he did to Debir, and to the king thereof; as he had done alſo to Libnah, and to her king.

40 So Joſhua ſmote all the country of the hills, and of the ſouth, and of the vale, and of the ſprings, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly deſtroyed all that breathed, as the Lord God of Iſrael commanded.

41 And Joſhua ſmote them from Kadeſh-barnea even unto Gaza, and all the country of Goſhen, even unto Gibeon.

42 And all theſe kings and their land did Joſhua take at one time; becauſe the Lord God of Iſrael fought for Iſrael.

43 And Joſhua returned, and all Iſrael with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

CHAP. XI.

Divers kings overcome at the waters of Merom, &c.

AND it came to paſs, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard theſe things, that he ſent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achſhaph;

2 And to the kings that were on the north of the mountains, and of the plains ſouth of Cinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the weſt;

3 And to the Canaanite on the eaſt and on the weſt, and to the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebuſite in the mountains, and to the Hivite under Hermon, in the land of Mizpeh.

4 And they went out, they and all their hoſts with them, much people, even as the ſand that is upon the ſea-ſhore in multitude, with horſes and chariots very many.

5 And when all theſe kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight againſt Iſrael.

6 And the Lord ſaid unto Joſhua, Be not afraid becauſe of them: for to-morrow about this time will I deliver them up all ſlain before Iſrael: thou ſhalt hough their horſes, and burn their chariots with fire.

7 So Joſhua came, and all the people of war with him, againſt them by the waters of Merom ſuddenly, and they fell upon them.

8 And the Lord delivered them into the hand of Iſrael, who ſmote them, and chaſed them unto great Zidon, and unto Miſrephoth-maim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eaſt-ward; and they ſmote them until they left them none remaining.

9 And Joſhua did unto them as the Lord bade him: he houghed their horſes, and burned their chariots with fire.

10 ¶ And Joſhua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and ſmote the king thereof with the ſword: for Hazor before-time was the head of all thoſe kingdoms.

11 And they ſmote all the ſouls that were therein with the edge of the ſword, utterly deſtroying them: there was not any left to breathe: and he burned Hazor with fire.

12 And all the cities of thoſe kings, and all the kings of them did Joſhua take, and ſmote them with the edge of the ſword, and he utterly deſtroyed them, as Moſes the ſervant of the Lord commanded.

13 But as for the cities that ſtood ſtill in their ſtrength, Iſrael burned none of them, ſave Hazor only; that did Joſhua burn.

14 And all the ſpoil of theſe cities, and the cattle, the children of Iſrael took for a prey unto themſelves: but every man they ſmote with the edge of the ſword, until they had deſtroyed them, neither left they any to breathe.

15 As the Lord commanded Moſes his ſervant, ſo did Moſes command Joſhua, and ſo did Joſhua: he left nothing undone of all that the Lord commanded Moſes.

16 So Joſhua took all that land, the hills, and all the ſouth country, and all the land of Goſhen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Iſrael, and the valley of the ſame;

17 Even from the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad, in the valley of Lebanon, under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and ſmote them and ſlew them.

18 Joſhua made war a long time with all thoſe kings.

19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Iſrael, ſave the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon: all other they took in battle.

20 For it was of the Lord to harden their hearts, that they ſhould come againſt Iſrael in battle, that he might deſtroy them utterly, and that they might have no favour, but that he might deſtroy them, as the Lord commanded Moſes.

21 And at that time came Joſhua and cut off the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Iſrael: Joſhua deſtroyed them utterly with their cities.

22 There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Iſrael: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Aſhdod there remained.

23 So Joſhua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord ſaid unto Moſes; and Joſhua gave it for an inheritance unto Iſrael, according to their diviſions by their tribes. And the land reſted from war.

CHAP. XII.

The two kings whoſe countries Moſes took and diſpoſed of.

NOW theſe are the kings of the land which the children of Iſrael ſmote, and poſſeſſed their land on the other ſide Jordan toward the riſing of the ſun: from the river Arnon unto mount Hermon, and all the plain on the eaſt:

2 Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heſhbon, and ruled from Aro-

According to their diviſions by their tribes, ver. 23.] He aſſigned to each tribe their inheritance, who afterwards divided it among themſelves.

er, which is upon the bank of the river Arnon, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gilead even unto the river Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon;

3 And from the plain to the ſea of Cinneroth on the eaſt, and unto the ſea of the plain, even the ſalt-ſea on the eaſt, the way to Beth-jeſhimoth; and from the ſouth, under Aſhdoth-piſgah;

4 And the coaſt of Og king of Baſhan, which was of the remnant of the giants, that dwelt at Aſhtaroth and at Edrei.

5 And reigned in mount Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Baſhan, unto the border of the Geſhurites, and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heſhbon.

6 Them did Moſes the ſervant of the Lord and the children of Iſrael ſmite: and Moſes the ſervant of the Lord gave it for a poſſeſſion unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manaſſeh.

7 And theſe are the kings of the country which Joſhua and the children of Iſrael ſmote on this ſide Jordan on the weſt from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon, even unto the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir; which Joſhua gave unto the tribes of Iſrael for a poſſeſſion according to their diviſions;

8 In the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and in the ſprings, and in the wilderneſs, and in the ſouth country; the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebuſites:

9 The king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beſide Beth-el, one;

10 The king of Jeruſalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;

11 The king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachiſh, one;

12 The king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one;

13 The king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;

14 The king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one;

15 The king of Libnah, one; the king of Adulham, one;

16 The king of Makkedah, one; the king of Beth-el, one;

17 The king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hepher, one;

18 The king of Aphek, one; the king of Laſharon, one;

19 The king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;

20 The king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achſhaph, one;

21 The king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;

22 The king of Kadeſh, one; the king of Jokneam of Carmel, one;

23 The king of Dor in the coaſt of Dor, one; the king of the nations of Gilgal, one;

24 The king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty and one.

CHAP. XIII.

The bounds of the land not yet conquered.

NOW Joſhua was old, and ſtricken in years; and the Lord ſaid unto him,

Thou art old and ſtricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be poſſeſſed.

2 ¶ This is the land that yet remaineth; all the borders of the Philiſtines, and all Geſhuri,

3 From Sihor, which is before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ekron northward, which is counted to the Canaanite: five lords of the Philiſtines; the Gazathites, and the Aſhdothites, the Eſhkalonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; alſo the Avites:

4 From the ſouth, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that is beſide the Sidonians, unto Aphek, to the borders of the Amorites:

5 And the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanon toward the ſun-riſing, from Baal-gad under mount Hermon, unto the entering into Hamath.

6 All the inhabitants of the hill-country from Lebanon unto Miſrephoth-maim, and all the Sidonians, them will I drive out from before the children of Iſrael: only divide thou it by lot unto the Iſraelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee.

7 Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes and the half-tribe of Manaſſeh:

8 With whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance, which Moſes gave them, beyond Jordan eaſt-ward, even as Moſes the ſervant of the Lord gave them;

9 From Aroer, that is upon the banks of the river Arnon, and the city that is in the midſt of the river, and all the plain of Medeba unto Dibon;

10 And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heſhbon, unto the border of the children of Ammon;

11 And Gilead, and the border of the Geſhurites, and Maachathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Baſhan unto Salcah;

12 All the kingdom of Og in Baſhan, which reigned in Aſhtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants. For theſe did Moſes ſmite, and caſt them out.

13 Nevertheleſs, the children of Iſrael expelled not the Geſhurites, nor the Maachathites; but the Geſhurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Iſraelites until this day.

14 ¶ Only unto the tribe of Levi he gave none inheritance: the ſacrifices of the Lord God of Iſrael made by fire are their inheritance, as he ſaid unto them.

15 And Moſes gave unto the tribe of the children of Reuben inheritance according to their families.

16 And their coaſt was from Aroer that is on the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that is in the midſt of the river, and all the plain by Medeba;

17 Heſhbon and all her cities that are in the plain; Dibon, and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon,

18 And Jahaza, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,

19 And Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and Zareth-ſhahar in the mount of the valley,

20 And Beth-peor, and Aſhdoth-piſgah, and Beth-jeſhimoth,

Them will I drive out, ver. 6.] Upon condition of their obedience; wherein failing they never came to poſſeſs them; though in David's and Solomon's time they were tributaries.

21 And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heſhbon, whom Moſes ſmote with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba,, which were dukes of Sihon, dwelling in the country.

22 ¶ Balaam alſo the ſon of Beor, the ſoothſayer, did the children of Iſrael ſlay with the ſword, among them that were ſlain by them.

23 And the border of the children of Reuben was Jordan and the border thereof. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families, the cities, and the villages thereof.

24 And Moſes gave inheritance unto the tribe of Gad, even unto the children of Gad according to their families:

25 And their coaſt was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon, unto Aroer that is before Rabbah;

26 And from Heſhbon unto Ramoth-mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim unto the border of Debir;

27 And in the valley, Beth-aram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the reſt of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heſhbon, Jordan and his border, even unto the edge of the ſea of Cinnereth, on the other ſide Jordan, eaſt-ward.

28 This is the inheritance of the children of Gad after their families, the cities, and their villages.

29 And Moſes gave inheritance unto the half-tribe of Manaſſeh: and this was the poſſeſſion of the half-tribe of the children of Manaſſeh by their families:

30 And their coaſt was from Mahanaim, all Baſhan, all the kingdom of Og king of Baſhan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in Baſhan, threeſcore cities:

31 And half Gilead, and Aſhtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Baſhan, were pertaining unto the children of Machir the ſon of Manaſſeh, even to the one half of the children of Machir by their families:

32 Theſe are the countries which Moſes did diſtribute for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other ſide Jordan by Jericho eaſt-ward.

33 ¶ But unto the tribe of Levi Moſes gave not any inheritance: the Lord God of Iſrael was their inheritance, as he ſaid unto them.

CHAP. XIV.

The nine tribes and an half are to have their inheritance by lot.

AND theſe are the countries which the children of Iſrael inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the prieſt, and Joſhua the ſon of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Iſrael, diſtributed for inheritance to them.

2 By lot was their inheritance, as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moſes, for the nine tribes and for the half-tribe.

3 For Moſes had given the inheritance of two tribes and an half-tribe on the

other ſide Jordan: but unto the Levites he gave none inheritance among them.

4 For the children of Joſeph were two tribes, Manaſſeh, and Ephraim: therefore they gave no part unto the Levites in the land, ſave cities to dwell in, with their ſuburbs for their cattle and for their ſubſtance.

5 As the Lord commanded Moſes, ſo the children of Iſrael did, and they divided the land.

6 ¶ Then the children of Judah came unto Joſhua in Gilgal: and Caleb, the ſon of Jephunneh the Kenezite, ſaid unto him, Thou knoweſt the thing that the Lord ſaid unto Moſes the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadeſh-barnea.

7 Forty years old was I when Moſes the ſervant of the Lord ſent me from Kadeſh-barnea to eſpy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart.

8 Nevertheleſs, my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the Lord my God.

9 And Moſes ſware on that day, ſaying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden ſhall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever; becauſe thou haſt wholly followed the Lord my God.

10 And now behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as he ſaid, theſe forty and five years, even ſince the Lord ſpake this word unto Moſes, while the children of Iſrael wandered in the wilderneſs: and now, lo, I am this day fourſcore and five years old.

11 As yet I am as ſtrong this day as I was in the day that Moſes ſent me: as my ſtrength was then, even ſo is my ſtrength now, for war, both to go out and to come in.

12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord ſpake in that day; for thou heardeſt in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if ſo be the Lord will be with me, then I ſhall be able to drive them out, as the Lord ſaid.

13 And Joſhua bleſſed him, and gave unto Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.

14 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh the Kenezite unto this day: becauſe that he wholly followed the Lord God of Iſrael,

15 And the name of Hebron before was Kirjath-arba, which Arba was a great man among the Anakims. And the land had reſt from war.

CHAP. XV.

The borders of the lot of Judah, &c.

THIS then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Judah, by their families; even to the border of Edom, the wilderneſs of Zin ſouth-ward was the uttermoſt part of the ſouth coaſt.

2 And their ſouth border was from the ſhore of the ſalt-ſea, from the bay that looketh ſouth-ward:

3 And it went out to the ſouth ſide to Maaleh-acrabbim, and paſſed along

Hebron for an inheritance, ver. 13.] The country towns and villages thereabouts, for the city itſelf was given to the Levites.

to Zin, and aſcended up on the ſouth-ſide unto Kadeſh-barnea; and paſſed along to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and fetched a compaſs to Karkaa:

4 From thence it paſſed toward Azmon, and went out unto the river of Egypt: and the goings-out of that coaſt were at the ſea. This ſhall be your ſouth coaſt.

5 And the eaſt border was the ſalt-ſea, even unto the end of Jordan. And their border in the north quarter was from the bay of the ſea, at the uttermoſt part of Jordan:

6 And the border went up to Beth-hogla, and paſſed along by the north of Beth-arabah; and the border went up to the ſtone of Bohan the ſon of Reuben:

7 And the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and ſo north-ward looking toward Gilgal, that is before the going up to Adummim, which is on the ſouth ſide of the river: and the border paſſed toward the waters of Enſhemeſh, and the goings-out thereof were at En-rogel:

8 And the border went up by the valley of the ſon of Hinnom unto the ſouth ſide of the Jebuſite; the ſame is Jeruſalem: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lieth before the valley of Hinnom weſt-ward, which is at the end of the valley of the giants north-ward:

9 And the border was drawn from the top of the hill unto the fountain of the water of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron; and the border was drawn to Baalah, which is Kirjath-jearim:

10 And the border compaſſed from Baalah weſt-ward unto mount Seir, and paſſed along unto the ſide of mount Jearim, which is Cheſalon, on the north ſide, and went down to Beth-ſhemeſh, and paſſed on to Timnah:

11 And the border went out unto the ſide of Ekron north-ward: and the border was drawn to Shicron, and paſſed along to mount Baalah, and went out unto Jabneel; and the goings-out of the border were at the ſea.

12 And the weſt border was to the great ſea and the coaſt thereof. This is the coaſt of the children of Judah round about according to their families.

13 ¶ And unto Caleb, the ſon of Jephunneh, he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the Lord to Joſhua, even the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron.

14 And Caleb drove thence the three ſons of Anak, Sheſhai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak.

15 And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir. And the name of Debir before was Kirjath-ſepher.

16 ¶ And Caleb ſaid, He that ſmiteth Kirjath-ſepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achſah my daughter to wife.

17 And Othniel the ſon of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achſah his daughter to wife.

18 And it came to paſs, as ſhe came unto him, that ſhe moved him to aſk of her father a field. And ſhe lighted off her aſs; and Caleb ſaid unto her, What wouldeſt thou?

Drove thence the three ſons of Anak, ver. 14.] By the aſſiſtance of the army, and eſpecially of the tribe of Judah, who did it at his ſuit, and chiefly for his ſake.

19 Who anſwered, Give me a bleſſing: for thou haſt given me a ſouth land; give me alſo ſprings of water. And he gave her the upper ſprings, and the nether ſprings.

20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families.

21 ¶ And the uttermoſt cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the coaſt of Edom ſouth-ward, were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur,

22 And Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah,

23 And Kedeſh, and Hazor, and Ithnan.

24 Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth,

25 And Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, and Hezron, which is Hazor,

26 Aman, and Shema, and Moladah,

27 And Hazar-gaddah, and Heſhmon, and Beth-palet.

28 And Hazar-ſhual, and Beer-ſheba, and Bizjothjah,

29 Baalah, and Iim, and Azem,

30 And Eltolad, and Cheſil, and Hormah,

31 And Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sanſannah,

32 And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: all the cities are twenty and nine with their villages.

33 And in the valley, Eſhtaol, and Zoreah, and Aſhnah.

34 And Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam,

35 Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,

36 And Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages:

37 Zenan, and Hadeſhah, and Migdalgad,

38 And Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel,

39 Lachiſh, and Bozkath, and Eglon,

40 And Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Kithliſh,

41 And Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah; ſixteen cities with their villages:

42 Libnah, and Ether, and Aſhan,

43 And Jiphtah, and Aſhnah, and Nezib,

44 And Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareſhah: nine cities with their villages:

45 Ekron with her towns and her villages:

46 From Ekron even unto the ſea, all that lay near Aſhdod, with their villages:

47 Aſhdod with her towns and her villages, Gaza with her towns and her villages, unto the river of Egypt, and the great ſea, and the border thereof:

48 And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh,

49 And Dannah, and Kirjath-ſannah, which is Debir,

50 And Anab, and Eſhtemoh, and Anim,

51 And Goſhen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages:

52 Arab, and Dumah, and Eſhean,

53 And Janum, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah.

54 And Humtah, and Kirjath-arba, which is Hebron, and Zior; nine cities with their villages:

Upper ſprings, &c. ver. 19.] Some higher ground well watered, and ſome lower.

55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah,
56 And Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah,
57 Cain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages:
58 Halhul, Bethzur, and Gedor,
59 And Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon; ſix cities with their villages:
60 Kirjath-baal, which is Kirjath-jearim, and Rabbah; two cities with their villages:
61 In the wilderneſs, Beth-arabah, Middin, and Secacah,
62 And Nibſhan, and the city of Salt, and Engedi; ſix cities with their villages.
63 ¶ As for the Jebuſites the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebuſites dwell with the children of Judah at Jeruſalem unto this day.

CHAP. XVI.

The general borders of the ſons of Joſeph.

AND the lot of the children of Joſeph fell from Jordan by Jericho, unto the water of Jericho on the eaſt, to the wilderneſs that goeth up from Jericho throughout mount Beth-el.
2 And goeth out from Beth-el to Luz, and paſſeth along unto the borders of Archi to Ataroth,
3 And goeth down weſt-ward to the coaſt of Japhleti, unto the coaſt of Beth-horon the nether, and to Gezer: and the goings-out thereof are at the ſea.
4 So the children of Joſeph, Manaſſeh, and Ephraim, took their inheritance.
5 ¶ And the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families was thus: even the border of their inheritance on the eaſt ſide was Ataroth-addar, unto Beth-horon the upper:
6 And the border went out toward the ſea, to Michmethah on the north ſide; and the border went about eaſt-ward unto Taanath-ſhiloh, and paſſed by it on the eaſt to Jenohah;
7 And it went down from Jenohah to Ataroth and to Naarath, and came to Jericho, and went out at Jordan.
8 The border went out from Tappuah weſt-ward unto the river Kanah; and the goings-out thereof were at the ſea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim by their families.
9 And the ſeparate cities for the children of Ephraim were among the inheritance of the children of Manaſſeh, all the cities with their villages.
10 ¶ And they drove not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and ſerve under tribute.

CHAP. XVII.

The lot of Manaſſeh: his coaſt, &c.

THERE was alſo a lot for the tribe of Manaſſeh; for he was the firſt-born of Joſepq; to wit, for Machir the firſt-born of Manaſſeh the father of Gilead,

becauſe he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Baſhan.

2 There was alſo a lot for the reſt of the children of Manaſſeh by their families; for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Aſriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hepher, and for the children of Shemida: theſe were the male children of Manaſſeh the ſon of Joſeph by their families.

3 But Zelophehad the ſon of Hepher, the ſon of Gilead, the ſon of Machir, the ſon of Manaſſeh, had no ſons, but daughters: and theſe are the names of his daughters, Malah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

4 And they came near before Eleazar the prieſt, and before Joſhua the ſon of Nun, and before the princes, ſaying, The Lord commanded Moſes to give us an inheritance among our brethren: therefore according to the commandment of the Lord he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father.

5 And there fell ten portions to Manaſſeh, beſide the land of Gilead and Baſhan, which were on the other ſide Jordan;

6 Becauſe the daughters of Manaſſeh had an inheritance among his ſons: and the reſt of Manaſſeh's ſons had the land of Gilead.

7 ¶ And the coaſt of Manaſſeh was from Aſher to Michmethah, that lieth before Shechem; and the border went along on the right hand unto the inhabitants of En-tappuah.

8 Now Manaſſeh had the land of Tappuah: but Tappuah on the border of Manaſſeh belonged to the children of Ephraim.

9 And the coaſt deſcended unto the river Kanah, ſouth-ward of the river. Theſe cities of Ephraim are among the cities of Manaſſeh: the coaſt of Manaſſeh alſo was on the north ſide of the river, and the out-goings of it were at the ſea:

10 South-ward it was Ephraim's, and north-ward it was Manaſſeh's, and the ſea is his border; and they met together in Aſher on the north, and in Iſſachar on the eaſt.

11 And Manaſſeh had in Iſſachar, and in Aſher, Beth-ſhean and her towns, and Ibleam and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of En-dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, even three countries.

12 ¶ Yet the children of Manaſſeh could not drive out the inhabitants of thoſe cities, but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

13 Yet it came to paſs when the children of Iſrael were waxen ſtrong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute; but did not utterly drive them out.

14 ¶ And the children of Joſeph ſpake unto Joſhua, ſaying, Why haſt thou given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, ſeeing I am a great people, foraſmuch as the Lord hath bleſſed me hitherto?

15 And Joſhua anſwered them, If thou be a great people, then get thee

up to the wood country, and cut down for thyſelf there in the land of the Perizzites, and of the giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee.

16 And the children of Joſeph ſaid, The hill is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both they who are of Beth-ſhean and her towns, and they who are of the valley of Jezreel.

17 And Joſhua ſpake unto the houſe of Joſeph, even to Ephraim and to Manaſſeh, ſaying, Thou art a great people, and haſt great power: thou ſhalt not have one lot only:

18 But the mountain ſhall be thine; for it is a wood, and thou ſhalt cut it down: and the out-goings of it ſhall be thine: for thou ſhalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, and though they be ſtrong.

CHAP. XVIII.

The tabernacle is ſet up at Shiloh.

AND the whole congregation of the children of Iſrael aſſembled together at Shiloh, and ſet up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was ſubdued before them.

2 ¶ And there remained among the children of Iſrael ſeven tribes which had not yet received their inheritance.

3 And Joſhua ſaid unto the children of Iſrael, How long are ye ſlack to go to poſſeſs the land which the Lord God of your fathers hath given you?

4 Give out from among you three men for each tribe: and I will ſend them, and they ſhall riſe, and go through the land, and deſcribe it according to the inheritance of them; and they ſhall come again to me.

5 And they ſhall divide it into ſeven parts. Judah ſhall abide in their coaſts on the ſouth, and the houſe of Joſeph ſhall abide in their coaſts on the north.

6 Ye ſhall therefore deſcribe the land into ſeven parts, and bring the deſcription hither to me, that I may caſt lots for you here before the Lord our God.

7 But the Levites have no part among you: for the prieſthood of the Lord is their inheritance. And Gad and Reuben and half the tribe of Manaſſeh have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the eaſt, which Moſes the ſervant of the Lord gave them.

8 And the men aroſe and went away: and Joſhua charged them that went to deſcribe the land, ſaying, Go, and walk through the land, and deſcribe it, and come again to me, that I may here caſt lots for you before the Lord in Shiloh.

9 And the men went and paſſed through the land, and deſcribed it by cities into ſeven parts in a book, and came again to Joſhua to the hoſt at Shiloh.

10 ¶ And Joſhua caſt lots for them in Shiloh before the Lord: and there Joſhua divided the land unto the children of Iſrael according to their diviſions.

11 And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up accord-

Chariots of iron, ver. 16.] Armed with ſithes and hooks, faſtened at each end of the axle-tree, to mow down all that might ſtand in their way.

ing to their families: and the coaſt of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joſeph.

12 And their border on the north ſide was from Jordan: and the border went up to the ſide of Jericho on the north ſide, and went up through the mountains weſt-ward; and the goings-out thereof were at the wilderneſs of Beth-aven.

13 And the border went over from thence toward Luz, to the ſide of Luz, which is Beth-el, ſouth-ward; and the border deſcended to Ataroth-adar, near the hill that lieth on the ſouth ſide of the nether Beth-horon.

14 And the border was drawn thence, and compaſſed the corner of the ſea ſouth-ward, from the hill that lieth before Beth-horon ſouth-ward; and the goings-out thereof were at Kirjath-baal, which is Kirjath-jearim, a city of the children of Judah. This was the weſt quarter.

15 And the ſouth quarter was from the end of Kirjath-jearim, and the border went out on the weſt, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoah.

16 And the border came down to the end of the mountain that lieth before the valley of the ſon of Hinnom, and which is in the valley of the giants on the north, and deſcended to the valley of Hinnom, to the ſide of Jebuſi on the ſouth, and deſcended to En-rogel,

17 And was drawn from the north, and went forth to En-ſhemeſh, and went forth toward Geliloth, which is over-againſt the going up of Adummim, and deſcended to the ſtone of Bohan the ſon of Reuben,

18 And paſſed along toward the ſide over-againſt Arabah north-ward, and went down unto Arabah:

19 And the border paſſed along to the ſide of Beth-hoglah north-ward: and the out-goings of the border were at the north bay of the ſalt-ſea at the ſouth end of Jordan. This was the ſouth coaſt.

20 And Jordan was the border of it on the eaſt ſide. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coaſts thereof round about, according to their families.

21 ¶ Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and the valley of Keziz,

22 And Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Beth-el,

23 And Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah,

24 And Chephar-haammonai, and Ophni, and Gaba; twelve cities with their villages:

25 Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth,

26 And Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah,

27 And Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah,

28 And Zelah, Eleph, and Jebuſi, which is Jeruſalem, Gibeath, and Kirjath: fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

CHAP. XIX.

The lot of Simeon, of Zebulun, &c.

AND the ſecond lot came forth to Simeon, even for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah.

2 And they had in their inheritance, Beer-ſheba, Sheba, and Moladah,

3 And Hazar-ſhual, and Balah, and Azem,

4 And Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah,

5 And Ziglag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-ſuſah,

6 And Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhen; thirteen cities and their villages:

7 Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Aſhan; four cities and their villages:

8 And all the villages that were round about theſe cities to Baalath-beer, Ramath of the ſouth. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon, according to their families.

9 Out of the portion of the children of Judah was the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of the children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

10 ¶ And the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid:

11 And their border went up toward the ſea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbaſheth, and reached to the river that is before Jokneam;

12 And turned from Sarid eaſt-ward toward the ſun-riſing, unto the border of Chiſloth-tabor, and then goeth out to Daberath, and goeth up to Japhia.

13 And from thence paſſeth on along on the eaſt to Gittah-hepher, to Ittah-kazin, and goeth out to Remmon-methoar to Neah;

14 And the border compaſſeth it on the north ſide to Hannathon: and the out-goings thereof are in the valley of Jiphthah-el:

15 And Kattath, and Nahallel, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Beth-lehem: twelve cities with their villages.

16 This is the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, theſe cities with their villages.

17 ¶ And the fourth lot came out to Iſſachar, for the children of Iſſachar, according to their families.

18 And their border was toward Jezreel, and Cheſulloth, and Shunem,

19 And Haphraim, and Shihon, and Anaharath,

20 And Rabbith, and Kiſhion, and Abez,

21 And Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez:

22 And the coaſt reacheth to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Beth-ſhemeſh: and the out-goings of their border were at Jordan: ſixteen cities with their villages.

23 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Iſſachar accord-

ing to their families, the cities and their villages.

24 ¶ And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Aſher according to their families.

25 And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achſhaph,

26 And Alammelech, and Amad, and Miſheal; and reacheth to Carmel weſtward, and to Shihor-libnath;

27 And turneth toward the ſunriſing to Beth-dagon; and reacheth to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphthah-el toward the north ſide of Beth-emek, and Neiel; and goeth out to Cabul on the left-hand;

28 And Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, even unto great Zidon:

29 And then the coaſt turneth to Ramah, and to the ſtrong city Tyre; and the coaſt turneth to Hoſah: and the out-goings thereof are at the ſea from the coaſt to Achzib:

30 Ummah alſo, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty and two cities with their villages.

31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Aſher according to their families, theſe cities with their villages.

32 ¶ The ſixth lot came out to the children of Naphtali, even for the children of Naphtali, according to their families.

33 And their coaſt was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, unto Lakum: and the out-goings thereof were at Jordan:

34 And then the coaſt turneth weſtward to Aznoth-tabor, and goeth out from thence to Hukkok, and reacheth to Zebulun on the ſouth ſide, and reacheth to Aſher on the weſt ſide, and to Judah upon Jordan toward the ſunriſing:

35 And the fenced cities are Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Cinnereth,

36 And Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor,

37 And Kedeſh, and Edrei, and Enhazor,

38 And Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-ſhemeſh; nineteen cities with their villages.

39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, according to their families, the cities and their villages.

40 ¶ And the ſeventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families.

41 And the coaſt of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eſh-taol, and Irſhemeſh,

42 And Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah,

43 And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron,

44 And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,

45 And Jehud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon,

46 And Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the border before Japho.

47 And the coaſt of the children of Dan went out too little for them: therefore the children of Dan went up

Went out too little for them, ver. 47.] God, for their idolatry and other ſins, ſuffering their enemies to ſtraiten them, by driving them out of the champaign countries into the mountains.

to fight againſt Leſhem, and took it, and ſmote it with the edge of the ſword, and poſſeſſed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leſhem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan, according to their families, theſe cities with their villages.

49 ¶ When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coaſts, the children of Iſrael gave an inheritance to Joſhua the ſon of Nun among them:

50 According to the word of the Lord, they gave him the city, which he aſked, even Timnath-ſerah in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

51 Theſe are the inheritances which Eleazar the prieſt, and Joſhua the ſon of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Iſrael, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the Lord, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.

CHAP. XX.

God commandeth, and the Iſraelites appoint ſix cities of refuge.

THE Lord alſo ſpake unto Joſhua, ſaying,

2 Speak to the children of Iſrael, ſaying, Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I ſpake unto you by the hand of Moſes:

3 That the ſlayer that killeth any perſon unawares and unwittingly, may flee thither: and they ſhall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.

4 And when he that doth flee unto one of thoſe cities ſhall ſtand at the entering of the gate of the city, and ſhall declare his cauſe in the ears of the elders of that city; they ſhall take him into the city unto them, and give him a place that he may dwell among them.

5 And if the avenger of blood purſue after him, then they ſhall not deliver the ſlayer up into his hand: becauſe he ſmote his neighbour unwittingly, and hated him not before-time.

6 And he ſhall dwell in that city until he ſtand before the congregation for judgement, and until the death of the high-prieſt that ſhall be in thoſe days: then ſhall the ſlayer return and come unto his own city, and unto his own houſe, unto the city from whence he fled.

7 ¶ And they appointed Kedeſh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kirjath-arba, which is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah.

8 And on the other ſide Jordan by Jericho eaſt-ward, they aſſigned Bezer in the wilderneſs upon the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Baſhan out of the tribe of Manaſſeh.

9 Theſe were the cities appointed for all the children of Iſrael, and for the ſtranger that ſojourneth among them, that whoſoever killeth any perſon at unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of

Kedeſh, &c. ver. 7.] All theſe cities belonged to the Levites, that ſo the buſineſs might be carried on with greater authority and impartiality.

blood, until he ſtood before the congregation.

CHAP. XXI.

Eight and forty cities given by lot out of the other tribes unto the Levites.

THEN came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar the prieſt, and unto Joſhua the ſon of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Iſrael;

2 And they ſpake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, ſaying, The Lord commanded by the hand of Moſes, to give us cities to dwell in, with the ſuburbs thereof for our cattle.

3 And the children of Iſrael gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance at the commandment of the Lord theſe cities and their ſuburbs.

4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites: and the children of Aaron the prieſt, which were of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

5 And the reſt of the children of Kohath had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, ten cities.

6 And the children of Gerſhon had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Iſſachar, and out of the tribe of Aſher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh in Baſhan, thirteen cities.

7 The children of Merari by their families had out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

8 And the children of Iſrael gave by lot unto the Levites theſe cities with their ſuburbs, as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moſes.

9 And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, theſe cities which are here mentioned by name,

10 Which the children of Aaron, being of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the children of Levi, had: for their's was the firſt lot.

11 And they gave them the city of Arba, the father of Anak, which city is Hebron, in the hill-country of Judah, with the ſuburbs thereof round about it.

12 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh, for his poſſeſſion.

13 Thus they gave to the children of Aaron the prieſt, Hebron with her ſuburbs, to be a city of refuge for the ſlayer; and Libnah with her ſuburbs,

14 And Jattir with her ſuburbs, and Eſhtemoa with her ſuburbs,

15 And Holon with her ſuburbs, and Debir with her ſuburbs,

16 And Ain with her ſuburbs, and Juttah with her ſuburbs, and Beth-ſhemeſh with her ſuburbs; nine cities out of thoſe two tribes.

17 And out of the tribe of Benjamin Gibeon with her ſuburbs, Geba with her ſuburbs,

Children of Aaron, ver. 4.] They whoſe employment lay at the tabernacle and temple, are, by God's providence, diſpoſed unto places near their ſervice.

18 Anathoth with her ſuburbs, and Almon with her ſuburbs; four cities.

19 All the cities of the children of Aaron, the prieſts, were thirteen cities with their ſuburbs.

20 And the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites, which remained of the children of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim.

21 For they gave them Shechem with her ſuburbs in mount Ephraim, to be a city of refuge for the ſlayer; and Gezer with her ſuburbs,

22 And Kibzaim with her ſuburbs, and Beth-horon with her ſuburbs; four cities.

23 And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with her ſuburbs, Gibbethon with her ſuburbs,

24 Aijalon with her ſuburbs, Gath-rimmon with her ſuburbs; four cities.

25 And out of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, Tanach with her ſuburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her ſuburbs; two cities.

26 All the cities were ten with their ſuburbs, for the families of the children of Kohath that remained.

27 And unto the children of Gerſhon of the families of the Levites, out of the other half-tribe of Manaſſeh, they gave Golan in Baſhan with her ſuburbs, to be a city of refuge for the ſlayer, and Beeſhterah with her ſuburbs; two cities.

28 And out of the tribe of Iſſachar, Kiſhon with her ſuburbs, Daberah with her ſuburbs,

29 Jarmuth with her ſuburbs, Engannim with her ſuburbs; four cities.

30 And out of the tribe of Aſher, Miſhal with her ſuburbs, Abdon with her ſuburbs,

31 Helkath with her ſuburbs, and Rehob with her ſuburbs; four cities.

32 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedeſh in Galilee with her ſuburbs, to be a city of refuge for the ſlayer, and Hammoth-dor with her ſuburbs, and Kartan with her ſuburbs; three cities.

33 All the cities of the Gerſhonites, according to their families, were thirteen cities with their ſuburbs.

34 And unto the families of the children of Merari the reſt of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her ſuburbs, and Kartah with her ſuburbs,

35 Dimnah with her ſuburbs, Nahalal with her ſuburbs; four cities.

36 And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with her ſuburbs, and Jahazah with her ſuburbs,

37 Kedemoth with her ſuburbs, and Mephaath with her ſuburbs; four cities.

38 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her ſuburbs, to be a city of refuge for the ſlayer, and Mahanaim, with her ſuburbs,

39 Heſhbon with her ſuburbs, Jazer with her ſuburbs; four cities in all.

40 So all the cities for the children of Merari by their families, which were remaining of the families of the Levites, were by their lot twelve cities.

41 All the cities of the Levites within the poſſeſſion of the children of Iſ-

rael were forty and eight cities with their ſuburbs.

42 Theſe cities were every one with their ſuburbs round about them: thus were all theſe cities.

43 ¶ And the Lord gave unto Iſrael all the land which he ſware to give unto their fathers: and they poſſeſſed it, and dwelt therein.

44 And the Lord gave them reſt round about, according to all that he ſware unto their fathers: and there ſtood not a man of all their enemies before them: the Lord delivered all their enemies into their hand.

45 There failed not ought of any good thing which the Lord had ſpoken unto the houſe of Iſrael: all came to paſs.

CHAP. XXII.

The two tribes and half ſent home, &c.

THEN Joſhua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manaſſeh,

2 And ſaid unto them, Ye have kept all that Moſes the ſervant of the Lord commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you:

3 Ye have not left your brethren theſe many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the Lord your God.

4 And now the Lord your God hath given reſt unto your brethren as he promiſed them: therefore now return ye, and get ye unto your tents, and unto the land of your poſſeſſion, which Moſes the ſervant of the Lord gave you on the other ſide Jordan.

5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law which Moſes the ſervant of the Lord charged you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to ſerve him with all your heart and with all your ſoul.

6 So Joſhua bleſſed them, and ſent them away: and they went unto their tents.

7 Now to the one half of the tribe of Manaſſeh Moſes had given poſſeſſion in Baſhan: but unto the other half thereof gave Joſhua among their brethren on this ſide Jordan weſt-ward. And when Joſhua ſent them away alſo unto their tents, then he bleſſed them.

8 And he ſpake unto them, ſaying, Return with much riches unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with ſilver and with gold, and with braſs and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the ſpoil of your enemies with your brethren.

9 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manaſſeh returned, and departed from the children of Iſrael out of Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go unto the country of Gilead, to the land of their poſſeſſion, whereof they were poſſeſſed, according to the word of the Lord by the hand of Moſes.

10 ¶ And when they came unto the borders of Jordan that are in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben, and

the children of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to ſee to.

11 ¶ And the children of Iſrael heard ſay, Behold, the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, have built an altar over-againſt the land of Canaan in the borders of Jordan, at the paſſage of the children of Iſrael.

12 And when the children of Iſrael heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Iſrael gathered themſelves together at Shiloh, to go up to war againſt them.

13 And the children of Iſrael ſent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the ſon of Eleazar the prieſt.

14 And with him ten princes, of each chief houſe a prince, throughout all the tribes of Iſrael; and each one was an head of the houſe of their fathers, among the thouſands of Iſrael.

15 And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, unto the land of Gilead, and they ſpake with them, ſaying,

16 Thus ſaith the whole congregation of the Lord, What treſpaſs is this that ye have committed againſt the God of Iſrael, to turn away this day from following the Lord, in that ye have builded you an altar, that ye might rebel this day againſt the Lord?

17 Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleanſed until this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the Lord;

18 But that ye muſt turn away this day from following the Lord? and it will be, ſeeing ye rebel to-day againſt the Lord, that to-morrow he will be wroth with the whole congregation of Iſrael.

19 Notwithſtanding, if the land of your poſſeſſion be unclean, then paſs ye over unto the land of the poſſeſſion of the Lord, wherein the Lord's tabernacle dwelleth, and take poſſeſſion among us: but rebel not againſt the Lord, nor rebel againſt us, in building you an altar, beſide the altar of the Lord our God.

20 Did not Achan the ſon of Zerah commit a treſpaſs in the accurſed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Iſrael? and that man periſhed not alone in his iniquity.

21 ¶ Then the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, anſwered and ſaid unto the heads of the thouſands of Iſrael,

22 The Lord God of gods, the Lord God of gods, he knoweth, and Iſrael he ſhall know, if it be in rebellion, or if in tranſgreſſion againſt the Lord, (ſave us not this day,)

23 That we have built us an altar to turn from following the Lord, or if to offer thereon burnt-offering, or meat-offering, or if to offer peace-offerings thereon, let the Lord himſelf require it;

24 And if we have not rather done it for fear of this thing, ſaying, In time to come your children might ſpeak unto our children, ſaying, What have ye to do with the Lord God of Iſrael?

Not cleanſed until this day, ver. 17.] Many particular perſons being infected with an inclination to this ſin ſtill, which was ready ever and anon to break out, when not reſtrained by good rulers.

25 For the Lord hath made Jordan a border between us and you: ye children of Reuben, and children of Gad, ye have no part in the Lord. So ſhall your children make our children ceaſe from fearing the Lord.

26 Therefore we ſaid, Let us now prepare to build us an altar; not for burnt-offering, nor for ſacrifice:

27 But that it may be a witneſs between us and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the ſervice of the Lord before him with our burnt-offerings, and with our ſacrifices, and with our peace-offerings: that your children may not ſay to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the Lord.

28 Therefore ſaid we, that it ſhall be, when they ſhould ſo ſay to us, or to our generations in time to come, that we may ſay again, Behold the pattern of the altar of the Lord, which our fathers made, not for burnt-offerings, nor for ſacrifices; but it is a witneſs between us and you.

29 God forbid that we ſhould rebel againſt the Lord, and turn this day from following the Lord, to build an altar for burnt-offerings, for meat-offerings, or for ſacrifices, beſide the altar of the Lord our God that is before his tabernacle.

30 And when Phinehas the prieſt, and the princes of the congregation, and heads of the thouſands of Iſrael which were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the children of Manaſſeh ſpake, it pleaſed them.

31 And Phinehas the ſon of Eleazar the prieſt ſaid unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manaſſeh, This day we perceive that the Lord is among us, becauſe ye have not committed this treſpaſs againſt the Lord: now ye have delivered the children of Iſrael out of the hand of the Lord.

32 And Phinehas the ſon of Eleazar the prieſt, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Iſrael, and brought them word again.

33 And the thing pleaſed the children of Iſrael; and the children of Iſrael bleſſed God, and did not intend to go up againſt them in battle, to deſtroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

34 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar Ed: for it ſhall be a witneſs between us that the Lord is God.

CHAP. XXIII.

Joſhua's exhortation before his death, by former benefits, promiſes, &c.

AND it came to paſs a long time after that the Lord had given reſt unto Iſrael from all their enemies round about, that Joſhua waxed old and ſtricken in age;

2 And Joſhua called for all Iſrael, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their of-

A witneſs between us and you, ver. 27.] A laſting monument, to teſtify to ſucceeding ages that we have a true right in the ſame God and his worſhip with you.

ficers, and ſaid unto them, I am old and ſtricken in age.

3 ¶ And ye have ſeen all that the Lord your God hath done unto all theſe nations becauſe of you: for the Lord your God is he that hath fought for you.

4 Behold, I have divided unto you by lot theſe nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great ſea weſtward.

5 ¶ And the Lord your God he ſhall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your ſight; and ye ſhall poſſeſs their land, as the Lord your God hath promiſed unto you.

6 Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moſes, that ye turn not aſide therefrom to the right hand or to the left;

7 That ye come not among theſe nations, theſe that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cauſe to ſwear by them, neither ſerve them, nor bow yourſelves unto them:

8 But cleave unto the Lord your God as ye have done unto this day.

9 For the Lord hath driven out from before you great nations and ſtrong: but as for you, no man hath been able to ſtand before you unto this day.

10 One man of you ſhall chaſe a thouſand: for the Lord your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promiſed you.

11 ¶ Take good heed therefore unto yourſelves, that ye love the Lord your God.

12 Elſe if ye do in any wiſe go back, and cleave unto the remnant of theſe nations, even theſe that remain among you, and ſhall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you:

13 Know for a certainty that the Lord your God will no more drive out any of theſe nations from before you: but they ſhall be ſnares and traps unto you, and ſcourges in your ſides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye periſh from off this good land which the Lord your God hath given you.

14 And behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts, and in all your ſouls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God ſpake concerning you; all are come to paſs unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

15 Therefore it ſhall come to paſs, that as all good things are come upon you which the Lord your God promiſed you; ſo ſhall the Lord bring upon you all evil things, until he have deſtroyed you from off this good land which the Lord your God hath given you.

16 When ye have tranſgreſſed the covenant of the Lord your God which he commanded you, and have gone and ſerved other gods, and bowed yourſelves to them; then ſhall the anger of the Lord be kindled againſt you, and ye ſhall periſh quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

Nor cauſe to ſwear by them, ver. 7.] Suffer not your children to ſwear by them; and let not your judges admit ſuch oaths.

CHAP. XXIV.

Joſhua, aſſembling the tribes, relateth God's benefits, &c.

AND Joſhua gathered all the tribes of Iſrael to Shechem, and called for the elders of Iſrael, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they preſented themſelves before God.

2 ¶ And Joſhua ſaid unto all the people, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſrael, Your fathers dwelt on the other ſide of the flood in old time, even Terah the father of Abraham and the father of Nachor: and they ſerved other gods.

3 And I took your father Abraham from the other ſide of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his ſeed, and gave him Iſaac.

4 And I gave unto Iſaac, Jacob and Eſau: and I gave unto Eſau mount Seir, to poſſeſs it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt.

5 I ſent Moſes alſo and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out.

6 And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and ye came unto the ſea; and the Egyptians purſued after your fathers with chariots and horſemen unto the Red-ſea.

7 And when they cried unto the Lord, he put darkneſs between you and the Egyptians, and brought the ſea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have ſeen what I have done in Egypt: And ye dwelt in the wilderneſs a long ſeaſon.

8 And I brought you into the land of the Amorites which dwelt on the other ſide Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might poſſeſs their land, and I deſtroyed them from before you.

9 Then Balak the ſon of Zippor, king of Moab, aroſe and warred againſt Iſrael, and ſent and called Balaam the ſon of Beor to curſe you:

10 But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he bleſſed you ſtill: ſo I delivered you out of his hand.

11 And ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought againſt you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgaſhites, the Hivites, and the Jebuſites; and I delivered them into your hand.

12 And I ſent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites; but not with thy ſword, nor with thy bow.

13 And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them: of the vine-yards and olive-yards which ye planted not do ye eat.

14 ¶ Now therefore fear the Lord, and ſerve him in ſincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers ſerved on the other ſide of the flood, and in Egypt; and ſerve ye the Lord.

Said unto all the people, ver. 2.] *i. e.* The repreſentative of the people, that they might communicate it to them.

15 And if it ſeem evil unto you to ſerve the Lord; chooſe ye this day whom ye will ſerve, whether the gods which your fathers ſerved that were on the other ſide of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites in whoſe land ye dwell; but as for me and my houſe, we will ſerve the Lord.

16 And the people anſwered and ſaid, God forbid that we ſhould forſake the Lord, to ſerve other gods;

17 For the Lord our God, he it is that brought us up, and our fathers, out of the land of Egypt, from the houſe of bondage, and which did thoſe great ſigns in our ſight, and preſerved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we paſſed:

18 And the Lord drove out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we alſo ſerve the Lord: for he is our God.

19 And Joſhua ſaid unto the people, Ye cannot ſerve the Lord: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your tranſgreſſions, nor your ſins.

20 If ye forſake the Lord, and ſerve ſtrange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and conſume you, after that he hath done you good.

21 And the people ſaid unto Joſhua, Nay; but we will ſerve the Lord.

22 And Joſhua ſaid unto the people, Ye are witneſſes againſt yourſelves that ye have choſen you the Lord, to ſerve him. And they ſaid, We are witneſſes.

23 Now therefore put away, ſaid he, the ſtrange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the Lord God of Iſrael.

24 And the people ſaid unto Joſhua, The Lord our God will we ſerve, and his voice will we obey.

25 So Joſhua made a covenant with the people that day, and ſet them a ſtatute and an ordinance in Shechem.

26 And Joſhua wrote theſe words in the book of the law of God, and took a great ſtone, and ſet it up there under an oak that was by the ſanctuary of the Lord.

27 And Joſhua ſaid unto all the people, Behold, this ſtone ſhall be a witneſs unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the Lord which he ſpake unto us: it ſhall be therefore a witneſs unto you, leſt ye deny your God.

28 So Joſhua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

29 ¶ And it came to paſs, after theſe things, that Joſhua the ſon of Nun the ſervant of the Lord died, being an hundred and ten years old.

30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-ſerah, which is in mount Ephraim, on the north ſide of the hill of Gaaſh.

31 And Iſrael ſerved the Lord all the days of Joſhua, and all the days of the elders that over-lived Joſhua, and which had known all the works of the Lord that he had done for Iſrael.

32 And the bones of Joſeph, which the children of Iſrael brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought

Chooſe ye this day, &c. ver. 15.] Not as if it were indifferent, but to convince them of the folly of a bad choice, and that they might be more free and willing in their right choice.

of the ſons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, for an hundred pieces of ſilver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joſeph.

33 And Eleazar the ſon of Aaron died; and they buried him in a hill that pertained to Phinehas his ſon, which was given him in mount Ephraim.

THE BOOK OF JUDGES.

CHAP. I.

The acts of Judah and Simeon.

NOW after the death of Joſhua, it came to paſs that the children of Iſrael aſked the Lord, ſaying, Who ſhall go up for us againſt the Canaanites firſt to fight againſt them?

2 And the Lord ſaid, Judah ſhall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.

3 And Judah ſaid unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight againſt the Canaanites: and I likewiſe will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him.

4 ¶ And Judah went up; and the Lord delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they ſlew of them in Bezek ten thouſand men.

5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek: and they fought againſt him, and they ſlew the Canaanites and the Perizzites:

6 But Adoni-bezek fled; and they purſued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes.

7 And Adoni-bezek ſaid, Threeſcore and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered their meat under my table: as I have done, ſo God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jeruſalem, and there he died.

8 ¶ Now the children of Judah had fought againſt Jeruſalem, and had taken it, and ſmitten it with the edge of the ſword, and ſet the city on fire.

9 And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight againſt the Canaanites, that dwelt in the mountain, and in the ſouth, and in the valley.

10 ¶ And Judah went againſt the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron. Now the name of Hebron before was Kirjath-arba. And they ſlew Sheſhai, and Ahiman, and Talmai.

11 And from thence he went againſt the inhabitants of Debir. And the name of Debir before was Kirjath-ſepher:

12 And Caleb ſaid, He that ſmiteth Kirjath-ſepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achſah my daughter to wife.

The children of Judah, &c. ver. 8.] Becauſe the author of this hiſtory was here to relate the memorable exploits of the men of Judah, therefore he repeats what they did in the time of Joſhua, with what was done after his death.

13 And Othniel, the ſon of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achſah his daughter to wife.

14 And it came to paſs when ſhe came to him, that ſhe moved him to aſk of her father a field: and ſhe lighted from off her aſs; and Caleb ſaid unto her, What wilt thou?

15 And ſhe ſaid unto him, Give me a bleſſing: for thou haſt given me a ſouth land; give me alſo ſprings of water. And Caleb gave her the upper ſprings and the nether ſprings.

16 And the children of the Kenite, Moſes' father-in-law, went up out of the city of palm-trees, with the children of Judah, into the wilderneſs of Judah, which lieth in the ſouth of Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people.

17 And Judah went with Simeon his brother; and they ſlew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly deſtroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hormah.

18 Alſo Judah took Gaza with the coaſt thereof, and Aſkelon with the coaſt thereof, and Ekron with the coaſt thereof.

19 And the Lord was with Judah; and he drove out the inhabitants of the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, becauſe they had chariots of iron.

20 And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moſes ſaid: and he expelled thence the three ſons of Anak.

21 And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebuſites that inhabited Jeruſalem; but the Jebuſites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jeruſalem unto this day.

22 And the houſe of Joſeph, they alſo went up againſt Beth-el: and the Lord was with them.

23 And the houſe of Joſeph ſent to deſcry Beth-el. Now the name of the city before was Luz.

24 And the ſpies ſaw a man come forth out of the city, and they ſaid unto him, Shew us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will ſhew thee mercy.

25 And when he ſhewed them the entrance into the city, they ſmote the city with the edge of the ſword: but they let go the man and all his family.

26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz: which is the name thereof unto this day.

27 Neither did Manaſſeh drive out the inhabitants of Beth-ſhean and her towns, nor Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns: but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

28 And it came to paſs when Iſrael was ſtrong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.

29 Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.

30 Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the in-

Judah took Gaza, &c. &c. ver. 18.] They only took the cities, but did not deſtroy the people, as they might have done: the inhabitants afterwards recovered ſtrength, and expelled the Jews out of thoſe cities.

habitants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

31 Neither did Aſher drive out the inhabitants of Accho, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob:

32 But the Aſherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.

33 Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth-ſhemeſh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath; but he dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheleſs, the inhabitants of Beth-ſhemeſh and of Beth-anath became tributaries unto them.

34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: for they would not ſuffer them to come down to the valley:

35 But the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim: yet the hand of the houſe of Joſeph prevailed, ſo that they became tributaries.

36 And the coaſt of the Amorites was from the going up to Akrabbim, from the rock, and upward.

CHAP. II.

An angel rebuketh the people at Bochim.

AND an angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and ſaid, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I ſware unto your fathers; and I ſaid, I will never break my covenant with you.

2 And ye ſhall make no league with the inhabitants of this land: ye ſhall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this?

3 Wherefore I alſo ſaid, I will not drive them out from before you: but they ſhall be as thorns in your ſides, and their gods ſhall be a ſnare unto you.

4 And it came to paſs when the angel of the Lord ſpake theſe words unto all the children of Iſrael, that the people lift up their voice, and wept.

5 And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they ſacrificed there unto the Lord.

6 ¶ And when Joſhua had let the people go, the children of Iſrael went every man unto his inheritance to poſſeſs the land.

7 And the people ſerved the Lord all the days of Joſhua, and all the days of the elders that out-lived Joſhua, who had ſeen all the great works of the Lord that he did for Iſrael.

8 And Joſhua the ſon of Nun, the ſervant of the Lord, died, being an hundred and ten years old.

9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north ſide of the hill Gaaſh.

10 And alſo all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there aroſe another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet

They ſacrificed, ver. 5.] For the expiation of their ſins, whereby they had provoked God to this reſolution, and for the regaining of his favour.

the works which he had done for Iſrael.

11 And the children of Iſrael did evil in the ſight of the Lord, and ſerved Baalim:

12 And they forſook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themſelves unto them, and provoked the Lord to anger.

13 And they forſook the Lord, and ſerved Baal and Aſhtaroth.

14 ¶ And the anger of the Lord was hot againſt Iſrael, and he delivered them into the hands of ſpoilers that ſpoiled them, and he ſold them into the hands of their enemies round about, ſo that they could not any longer ſtand before their enemies.

15 Whitherſoever they went out, the hand of the Lord was againſt them for evil, as the Lord had ſaid, and as the Lord had ſworn unto them: and they were greatly diſtreſſed.

16 Nevertheleſs, the Lord raiſed up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of thoſe that ſpoiled them.

17 And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themſelves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the Lord; but they did not ſo.

18 And when the Lord raiſed them up judges, then the Lord was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the Lord, becauſe of their groanings, by reaſon of them that oppreſſed them and vexed them.

19 And it came to paſs when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themſelves more than their fathers, in following other gods to ſerve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceaſed not from their own doings, nor from their ſtubborn way.

20 ¶ And the anger of the Lord was hot againſt Iſrael; and he ſaid, Becauſe that this people hath tranſgreſſed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice;

21 I alſo will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joſhua left when he died:

22 That through them I may prove Iſrael, whether they will keep the way of the Lord, to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not.

23 Therefore the Lord left thoſe nations, without driving them out haſtily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joſhua.

CHAP. III.

The nations left to prove Iſrael.

NOW theſe are the nations which the Lord left to prove Iſrael by them, even as many of Iſrael as had not known all the wars of Canaan;

2 Only that the generations of the children of Iſrael might know to teach

Might know to teach, &c. ver. 2.] Be able to train them up in martial diſcipline, and ſo fit them to drive out theſe relics of the Canaanites.

them war, at the leaſt ſuch as before knew nothing thereof;

3 Namely, five lords of the Philiſtines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon unto the entering-in of Hamath.

4 And they were to prove Iſrael by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the Lord, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moſes.

5 ¶ And the children of Iſrael dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebuſites.

6 And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their ſons, and ſerved their gods.

7 And the children of Iſrael did evil in the ſight of the Lord, and forgat the Lord their God, and ſerved Baalim, and the groves.

8 ¶ Therefore the anger of the Lord was hot againſt Iſrael, and he ſold them into the hand of Chuſhan-riſhathaim, king of Meſopotamia: and the children of Iſrael ſerved Chuſhan-riſhathaim, eight years.

9 And when the children of Iſrael cried unto the Lord, the Lord raiſed up a deliverer to the children of Iſrael, who delivered them, even Othniel the ſon of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.

10 And the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Iſrael, and went out to war: and the Lord delivered Chuſhan-riſhathaim, king of Meſopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed againſt Cuſhan-riſhathaim.

11 And the land had reſt forty years. And Othniel the ſon of Kenaz died.

12 ¶ And the children of Iſrael did evil again in the ſight of the Lord: and the Lord ſtrengthened Eglon the king of Moab againſt Iſrael, becauſe they had done evil in the ſight of the Lord.

13 And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek, and went and ſmote Iſrael, and poſſeſſed the city of palm-trees.

14 So the children of Iſrael ſerved Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

15 But when the children of Iſrael cried unto the Lord, the Lord raiſed them up a deliverer, Ehud the ſon of Gera a Benjamite, a man left-handed: and by him the children of Iſrael ſent a preſent unto Eglon the king of Moab.

16 But Ehud made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh.

17 And he brought the preſent unto Eglon king of Moab. And Eglon was a very fat man.

18 And when he had made an end to offer the preſent, he ſent away the people that bare the preſent,

19 But he himſelf turned again from the quarries that were by Gilgal, and ſaid, I have a ſecret errand unto thee, O king: who ſaid, Keep ſilence. And all that ſtood by him went out from him.

20 And Ehud came unto him; and he was ſitting in a ſummer-parlour,

Served Baalim, and the groves, ver. 7.] Idols ſet up under ſhady trees, conſecrated to the honour of their gods.

which he had for himſelf alone. And Ehud ſaid, I have a meſſage from God unto thee. And he aroſe out of his ſeat.

21 And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thruſt it into his belly:

22 And the haft alſo went in after the blade: and the fat cloſed upon the blade, ſo that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out.

23 Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and ſhut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them.

24 When he was gone out, his ſervants came; and when they ſaw, that behold, the doors of the parlour were locked, they ſaid, Surely he covereth his feet in his ſummer-chamber.

25 And they tarried till they were aſhamed: and behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took a key, and opened them: and behold, their lord was fallen down dead on the earth.

26 And Ehud eſcaped while they tarried; and paſſed beyond the quarries, and eſcaped unto Seirath.

27 And it came to paſs when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Iſrael went down with him from the mount, and he before them.

28 And he ſaid unto them, Follow after me: for the Lord hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and ſuffered not a man to paſs over.

29 And they ſlew of Moab at that time about ten thouſand men, all luſty, and all men of valour; and there eſcaped not a man.

30 So Moab was ſubdued that day under the hand of Iſrael. And the land had reſt fourſcore years.

31 ¶ And after him was Shamgar the ſon of Anath, which ſlew of the Philiſtines ſix hundred men with an ox-goad: and he alſo delivered Iſrael.

CHAP. IV.

Deborah and Barak deliver Iſrael from Jabin and Siſera.

AND the children of Iſrael again did evil in the ſight of the Lord when Ehud was dead.

2 And the Lord ſold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whoſe hoſt was Siſera, which dwelt in Haroſheth of the Gentiles.

3 And the children of Iſrael cried unto the Lord: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppreſſed the children of Iſrael.

4 And Deborah, a propheteſs, the wife of Lapidoth, ſhe judged Iſrael at that time.

5 And ſhe dwelt under the palm-tree of Deborah, between Ramah and Beth-el in mount Ephraim: and the children of Iſrael came up to her for judgement.

6 And ſhe ſent and called Barak, the ſon of Abinoam, out of Kadeſh-naph-

They were aſhamed, ver. 25.] Could not tell what to ſay or think; fearing, either to diſturb him, or to be thought to neglect him.

tali, and ſaid unto him, Hath not the Lord God of Iſrael commanded, ſaying, Go, and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thouſand men of the children of Naphtali, and of the children of Zebulun?

7 And I will draw unto thee, to the river Kiſhon, Siſera the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.

8 And Barak ſaid unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.

9 And ſhe ſaid, I will ſurely go with thee: notwithſtanding the journey that thou takeſt ſhall not be for thine honour: for the Lord ſhall ſell Siſera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah aroſe, and went with Barak to Kedeſh.

10 And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedeſh; and he went up with ten thouſand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

11 Now Heber the Kenite, which was of the children of Hobab the father-in-law of Moſes, had ſevered himſelf from the Kenites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, which is by Kedeſh.

12 And they ſhewed Siſera, that Barak the ſon of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor.

13 And Siſera gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Haroſheth of the Gentiles, unto the river of Kiſhon.

14 And Deborah ſaid unto Barak, Up: for this is the day in which the Lord hath delivered Siſera into thine hand: is not the Lord gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thouſand men after him.

15 And the Lord diſcomfited Siſera, and all his chariots, and all his hoſt with the edge of the ſword, before Barak: ſo that Siſera lighted down off his chariot, and fled away on his feet.

16 But Barak purſued after the chariots and after the hoſt unto Haroſheth of the Gentiles: and all the hoſt of Siſera fell upon the edge of the ſword; and there was not a man left.

17 Howbeit, Siſera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the houſe of Heber the Kenite.

18 ¶ And Jael went out to meet Siſera, and ſaid unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not: and when he had turned in unto her into the tent, ſhe covered him with a mantle.

19 And he ſaid unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirſty. And ſhe opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.

20 Again he ſaid unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it ſhall be when any man doth come and enquire of thee, and ſay, Is there any man here? that thou ſhalt ſay, No.

21 Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went ſoftly unto him,

The Lord diſcomfited Siſera, ver. 15.] Probably with thunder, lightning, hail-ſtones, and the like.

and ſmote the nail into his temples, and faſtened it into the ground: for he was faſt aſleep and weary. So he died.

22 And behold, as Barak purſued Siſera, Jael came out to meet him, and ſaid unto him, Come, and I will ſhew thee the man whom thou ſeekeſt. And when he came into her tent, behold, Siſera lay dead, and the nail was in his temples.

23 So God ſubdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Iſrael.

24 And the hand of the children of Iſrael proſpered and prevailed againſt Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had deſtroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

CHAP. V.

The ſong of Deborah and Barak.

THEN ſang Deborah and Barak the ſon of Abinoam, on that day, ſaying,

2 Praiſe ye the Lord for the avenging of Iſrael, when the people willingly offered themſelves.

3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes: I, even I will ſing unto the Lord; I will ſing praiſe to the Lord God of Iſrael.

4 Lord, when thou wenteſt out of Seir, when thou marchedſt out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds alſo dropped water.

5 The mountains melted from before the Lord, even that Sinai, from before the Lord God of Iſrael.

6 In the days of Shamgar the ſon of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through by-ways.

7 The inhabitants of the villages ceaſed, they ceaſed in Iſrael, until that I Deborah aroſe, that I aroſe a mother in Iſrael.

8 They choſe new gods; then was war in the gates: was there a ſhield or ſpear ſeen among forty thouſand in Iſrael?

9 My heart is toward the governors of Iſrael, that offered themſelves willingly among the people. Bleſs ye the Lord.

10 Speak, ye that ride on white aſſes, ye that ſit in judgement, and walk by the way.

11 They that are delivered from the noiſe of archers in the places of drawing water; there ſhall they rehearſe the righteous acts of the Lord, even the righteous acts toward the inhabitants of his villages in Iſrael: then ſhall the people of the Lord go down to the gates.

12 Awake, awake, Deborah: awake, awake, utter a ſong: ariſe, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou ſon of Abinoam.

13 Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people: the Lord made me have dominion over the mighty.

14 Out of Ephraim was there a root of them againſt Amalek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people: out of Machir came down governors, and out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer.

Out of Ephraim, ver. 14.] Here ſhe begins to relate how the ſeveral tribes behaved themſelves in this expedition; blaming or praiſing them according to their merit.

15 And the princes of Iſſachar were with Deborah; even Iſſachar, and alſo Barak: he was ſent on foot into the valley. For the diviſions of Reuben there were great thoughts of heart.

16 Why abodeſt thou among the ſheep-folds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks? for the diviſions of Reuben there were great ſearchings of heart.

17 Gilead abode beyond Jordan: and why did Dan remain in ſhips? Aſher continued on the ſea-ſhore, and abode in his breaches.

18 Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that jeoparded their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.

19 The kings came and fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo: they took no gain of money.

20 They fought from heaven: the ſtars in their courſes fought againſt Siſera.

21 The river of Kiſhon ſwept them away, that ancient river, the river Kiſhon: O my ſoul, thou haſt trodden down ſtrength.

22 Then were the horſe-hoofs broken by the means of the prancings, the prancings of their mighty ones.

23 Curſe ye Meroz, ſaid the angel of the Lord, curſe ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof: becauſe they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord againſt the mighty.

24 Bleſſed above women ſhall Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, bleſſed ſhall ſhe be above women in the tent.

25 He aſked water, and ſhe gave him milk; ſhe brought forth butter in a lordly diſh.

26 She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workman's hammer: and with the hammer ſhe ſmote Siſera; ſhe ſmote off his head, when ſhe had pierced and ſtricken through his temples.

27 At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down: at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he fell down dead.

28 The mother of Siſera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot ſo long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots?

29 Her wiſe ladies anſwered her, yea, ſhe returned anſwer to herſelf,

30 Have they not ſped? have they not divided the prey, to every man a damſel or two? to Siſera a prey of divers colours, a prey of divers colours of needle-work, of divers colours of needle-work on both ſides, meet for the necks of them that take the ſpoil?

31 So let all thine enemies periſh, O Lord: but let them that love him be as the ſun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had reſt forty years.

CHAP. VI.

The Iſraelites for their ſin are oppreſſed by Midian.

AND the children of Iſrael did evil in the ſight of the Lord: and the Lord

Great thoughts of heart, ver. 15.] Sad trouble of mind among the Iſraelites, to ſee themſelves deſerted by ſo great and potent a tribe as Reuben was.

delivered them into the hand of Midian ſeven years.

2 And the hand of Midian prevailed againſt Iſrael: and becauſe of the Midianites the children of Iſrael made them the dens which are in the mountains, and caves, and ſtrong holds.

3 And ſo it was when Iſrael had ſown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the eaſt, even they came up againſt them;

4 And they encamped againſt them, and deſtroyed the increaſe of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza; and left no ſuſtenance for Iſrael, neither ſheep, nor ox, nor aſs.

5 For they came up with their cattle, and their tents, and they came as graſshoppers for multitude; for both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to deſtroy it.

6 And Iſrael was greatly impoveriſhed becauſe of the Midianites; and the children of Iſrael cried unto the Lord.

7 ¶ And it came to paſs, when the children of Iſrael cried unto the Lord becauſe of the Midianites,

8 That the Lord ſent a prophet unto the children of Iſrael, which ſaid unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſrael, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the houſe of bondage;

9 And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppreſſed you, and drove them out from before you, and gave you their land:

10 And I ſaid unto you, I am the Lord your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites in whoſe land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

11 ¶ And there came an angel of the Lord, and ſat under an oak, which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joaſh the Abi-ezrite: and his ſon Gideon threſhed wheat by the wine-preſs, to hide it from the Midianites.

12 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and ſaid unto him, The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

13 And Gideon ſaid unto him, O my lord, if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, ſaying, Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt; but now the Lord hath forſaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

14 And the Lord looked upon him, and ſaid, Go in this thy might, and thou ſhalt ſave Iſrael from the hand of the Midianites: have not I ſent thee?

15 And he ſaid unto him, Oh, my lord, wherewith ſhall I ſave Iſrael? behold, my family is poor in Manaſſeh, and I am the leaſt in my father's houſe.

16 And the Lord ſaid unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou ſhalt ſmite the Midianites as one man.

17 And he ſaid unto him, If now I have found grace in thy ſight, then ſhew me a ſign that thou talkeſt with me.

18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my preſent, and ſet it before thee.

Looked upon him, ver. 14.] In a powerful, efficacious manner, ſo as to inſpire him with courage, and endow him with authority.

And he ſaid, I will tarry until thou come again.

19 And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the fleſh he put in a baſket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the oak, and preſented it.

20 And the angel of God ſaid unto him, Take the fleſh, and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did ſo.

21 Then the angel of the Lord put forth the end of the ſtaff that was in his hand, and touched the fleſh, and the unleavened cakes: and there roſe up fire out of the rock, and conſumed the fleſh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the Lord departed out of his ſight.

22 And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the Lord, Gideon ſaid, Alas, O Lord God! for becauſe I have ſeen an angel of the Lord face to face.

23 And the Lord ſaid unto him, Peace be unto thee: fear not; thou ſhalt not die.

24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the Lord, and called it Jehovah-ſhalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.

25 And it came to paſs the ſame night, that the Lord ſaid unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the ſecond bullock of ſeven years old, throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it:

26 And build an altar unto the Lord thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the ſecond bullock, and offer a burnt-ſacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou ſhalt cut down.

27 Then Gideon took ten men of his ſervants, and did as the Lord had ſaid unto him; and ſo it was, becauſe he feared his father's houſhold, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night.

28 And when the men of the city aroſe early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was caſt down, and the grove was cut down that was by it, and the ſecond bullock was offered upon the altar that was built.

29 And they ſaid one to another, Who hath done this thing? and when they enquired and aſked, they ſaid, Gideon the ſon of Joaſh hath done this thing.

30 Then the men of the city ſaid unto Joaſh, Bring out thy ſon that he may die: becauſe he hath caſt down the altar of Baal, and becauſe he hath cut down the grove that was by it.

31 And Joaſh ſaid unto all that ſtood againſt him, Will ye plead for Baal? will ye ſave him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death, whilſt it is yet morning: if he be a god, let him plead for himſelf, becauſe one hath caſt down his altar.

32 Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, ſaying, Let Baal plead againſt him, becauſe he hath thrown down his altar.

Built an altar, ver. 24.] After that God had commanded him to do it, and given him directions about ſeveral other things there.

33 Then all the Midianites, and the Amalekites, and the children of the eaſt, were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.

34 But the ſpirit of the Lord came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abi-ezer was gathered after him:

35 And he ſent meſſengers throughout all Manaſſeh, who alſo was gathered after him: and he ſent meſſengers unto Aſher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

36 And Gideon ſaid unto God, If thou wilt ſave Iſrael by mine hand, as thou haſt ſaid,

37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; and if the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the earth beſide, then ſhall I know that thou wilt ſave Iſrael by mine hand, as thou haſt ſaid.

38 And it was ſo: for he roſe up early on the morrow, and thruſt the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl-full of water.

39 And Gideon ſaid unto God, Let not thine anger be hot againſt me, and I will ſpeak but this once; let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew.

40 And God did ſo that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

CHAP. VII.

Gideon's army, &c.

THEN Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people that were with him, roſe up early, and pitched beſide the well of Harod: ſo that the hoſt of the Midianites were on the north ſide of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

2 And the Lord ſaid unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, leſt Iſrael vaunt themſelves againſt me, ſaying, Mine own hand hath ſaved me.

3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, ſaying, Whoſoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thouſand; and there remained ten thouſand.

4 And the Lord ſaid unto Gideon, The people are yet too many, bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there; and it ſhall be, that of whom I ſay unto thee, This ſhall go with thee, the ſame ſhall go with thee; and of whomſoever I ſay unto thee, This ſhall not go with thee, the ſame ſhall not go.

5 So he brought down the people unto the water: and the Lord ſaid unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him ſhalt thou ſet by himſelf; likewiſe every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.

Dew be on the fleece only, ver. 37.] So it was with Iſrael: they enjoyed the means of grace, when other nations were deſtitute of them.

6 And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the reſt of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

7 And the Lord ſaid unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I ſave you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go, every man unto his place.

8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he ſent all the reſt of Iſrael, every man unto his tent; and retained thoſe three hundred men. And the hoſt of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

9 ¶ And it came to paſs the ſame night, that the Lord ſaid unto him, Ariſe, get thee down unto the hoſt; for I have delivered it into thine hand.

10 But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy ſervant down to the hoſt:

11 And thou ſhalt hear what they ſay; and afterward ſhall thine hands be ſtrengthened to go down unto the hoſt. Then went he down with Phurah his ſervant, unto the outſide of the armed men that were in the hoſt.

12 And the Midianites and the Amalekites, and all the children of the eaſt, lay along in the valley, like graſshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the ſand by the ſea-ſide for multitude.

13 And when Gideon was come, behold, there was a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and ſaid, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the hoſt of Midian, and came unto a tent, and ſmote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along.

14 And his fellow anſwered, and ſaid, This is nothing elſe ſave the ſword of Gideon the ſon of Joaſh, a man of Iſrael: for into his hand hath God delivered Midian and all the hoſt.

15 And it was ſo, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worſhipped, and returned into the hoſt of Iſrael, and ſaid, Ariſe; for the Lord hath delivered into your hand the hoſt of Midian.

16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.

17 And he ſaid unto them, Look on me, and do likewiſe: and behold, when I come to the outſide of the camp, it ſhall be that as I do, ſo ſhall ye do.

18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets alſo on every ſide of all the camp, and ſay, The ſword of the Lord, and of Gideon.

19 So Gideon and the hundred men that were with him came unto the outſide of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly ſet the watch; and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands.

20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands,

to blow withal: and they cried, The ſword of the Lord, and of Gideon.

21 And they ſtood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the hoſt ran, and cried, and fled.

22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the Lord ſet every man's ſword againſt his fellow, even throughout all the hoſt: and the hoſt fled to Beth-ſhittah, in Zererath, and to the border of Abel-meholah, unto Tabbath.

23 And the men of Iſrael gathered themſelves together out of Naphtali, and out of Aſher, and out of all Manaſſeh, and purſued after the Midianites.

24 ¶ And Gideon ſent meſſengers throughout all mount Ephraim, ſaying, Come down againſt the Midianites, and take before them the waters unto Beth-barah and Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themſelves together, and took the waters unto Beth-barah and Jordan.

25 And they took two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they ſlew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they ſlew at the wine-preſs of Zeeb, and purſued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other ſide Jordan.

CHAP. VIII.

The Ephraimites pacified.

AND the men of Ephraim ſaid unto him, Why haſt thou ſerved us thus, that thou calledſt us not when thou wenteſt to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him ſharply.

2 And he ſaid unto them, What have I done now in compariſon of you? is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abi-ezer?

3 God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in compariſon of you? then their anger was abated toward him, when he had ſaid that.

4 ¶ And Gideon came to Jordan, and paſſed over, he and the three hundred men that were with him, faint, yet purſuing them.

5 And he ſaid unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they be faint; and I am purſuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian.

6 And the princes of Succoth ſaid, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we ſhould give bread unto thine army?

7 And Gideon ſaid, Therefore when the Lord hath delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I will tear your fleſh with the thorns of the wilderneſs, and with briers.

8 And he went up thence to Penuel, and ſpake unto them likewiſe: and the men of Penuel anſwered him as the men of Succoth had anſwered him.

9 And he ſpake alſo unto the men of Penuel, ſaying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their hoſts with them, about fifteen thouſand men, all that

were left of all the hoſts of the children of the eaſt: for there fell an hundred and twenty thouſand men that drew the ſword.

11 And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents, on the eaſt of Nobah and Jogbehah, and ſmote the hoſt: for the hoſt was ſecure.

12 And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he purſued after them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and diſcomfited all the hoſt.

13 And Gideon the ſon of Joaſh returned from battle before the ſun was up,

14 And caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and enquired of him: and he deſcribed unto him the princes of Succoth, and the elders thereof, even threeſcore and ſeventeen men.

15 And he came unto the men of Succoth, and ſaid, Behold, Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom ye did upbraid me, ſaying, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we ſhould give bread unto thy men that are weary?

16 And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderneſs, and briers, and with them he taught the men of Succoth.

17 And he beat down the tower of Penuel, and ſlew the men of the city.

18 Then ſaid he unto Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men were they whom ye ſlew at Tabor? and they anſwered, As thou art ſo were they; each one reſembled the children of a king.

19 And he ſaid, They were my brethren, even the ſons of my mother: as the Lord liveth, if ye had ſaved them alive, I would not ſlay you.

20 And he ſaid unto Jether his firſtborn, Up, and ſlay them. But the youth drew not his ſword: for he feared, becauſe he was yet a youth.

21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna ſaid, Riſe thou, and fall upon us: for as the man is, ſo is his ſtrength. And Gideon aroſe, and ſlew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the ornaments that were on their camels' necks.

22 Then the men of Iſrael ſaid unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy ſon, and thy ſon's ſon alſo: for thou haſt delivered us from the hand of Midian.

23 And Gideon ſaid unto them, I will not rule over you, neither ſhall my ſon rule over you: the Lord ſhall rule over you.

24 And Gideon ſaid unto them, I would deſire a requeſt of you, that ye would give me every man the ear-rings of his prey. For they had golden ear-rings, becauſe they were Iſhmaelites.

25 And they anſwered, We will willingly give them. And they ſpread a garment, and did caſt therein every man the ear-rings of his prey.

26 And the weight of the golden ear-rings that he requeſted was a thouſand and ſeven hundred ſhekels of gold; beſide ornaments, and collars, and purple raiment that was on the kings of

Midian; and beſide the chains that were about their camels' necks.

27 And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: and all Iſrael went thither a whoring after it: which thing became a ſnare unto Gideon, and to his houſe.

28 Thus was Midian ſubdued before the children of Iſrael, ſo that they lifted up their heads no more. And the country was in quietneſs forty years in the days of Gideon.

29 And Jerubbaal the ſon of Joaſh went and dwelt in his own houſe.

30 And Gideon had threeſcore and ten ſons of his body begotten; for he had many wives.

31 And his concubine that was in Shechem, ſhe alſo bare him a ſon, whoſe name he called Abimelech.

32 And Gideon the ſon of Joaſh died in a good old age, and was buried in the ſepulchre of Joaſh his father, in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.

33 ¶ And it came to paſs as ſoon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Iſrael turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim; and made Baal-berith their god.

34 And the children of Iſrael remembered not the Lord their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every ſide:

35 Neither ſhewed they kindneſs to the houſe of Jerubbaal, namely Gideon, according to all the goodneſs which he had ſhewed unto Iſrael.

CHAP. IX.

Abimelech is made king by the Shechemites.

AND Abimelech the ſon of Jerubbaal went to Shechem, unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the houſe of his mother's father, ſaying,

2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, Whether is better for you, either that all the ſons of Jerubbaal, which are threeſcore and ten perſons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember alſo that I am your bone and your fleſh.

3 And his mother's brethren ſpake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all theſe words: and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they ſaid, He is our brother.

4 And they gave him threeſcore and ten pieces of ſilver out of the houſe of Baal-berith; wherewith Abimelech hired vain and light perſons, which followed him.

5 And he went unto his father's houſe at Ophrah, and ſlew his brethren the ſons of Jerubbaal, being threeſcore and ten perſons upon one ſtone; notwithſtanding, yet Jotham the youngeſt ſon of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himſelf.

6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the houſe of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech king, by the plain of the pillar that was in Shechem:

7 ¶ And when they told it to Jotham, he went and ſtood in the top of mount

Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and ſaid unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you.

8 The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they ſaid unto the olive-tree, Reign thou over us.

9 But the olive-tree ſaid unto them, Should I leave my fatneſs, wherewith by me they honour God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

10 And the trees ſaid to the fig-tree, Come thou, and reign over us.

11 But the fig-tree ſaid unto them, Should I forſake my ſweetneſs, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees?

12 Then ſaid the trees unto the vine, Come thou, and reign over us.

13 And the vine ſaid unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

14 Then ſaid all the trees unto the bramble, Come thou, and reign over us.

15 And the bramble ſaid unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and put your truſt in my ſhadow: and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon.

16 Now, therefore, if ye have done truly and ſincerely, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his houſe, and have done unto him according to the deſerving of his hands;

17 (For my father fought for you, and adventured his life far, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian:

18 And ye are riſen up againſt my father's houſe this day, and have ſlain his ſons, threeſcore and ten perſons upon one ſtone, and have made Abimelech the ſon of his maid-ſervant king over the men of Shechem, becauſe he is your brother;)

19 If ye then have dealt truly and ſincerely with Jerubbaal, and with his houſe this day, then rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him alſo rejoice in you.

20 But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the houſe of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the houſe of Millo, and devour Abimelech.

21 And Jotham ran away and fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

22 ¶ When Abimelech had reigned three years over Iſrael,

23 Then God ſent an evil ſpirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherouſly with Abimelech:

24 That the cruelty done to the threeſcore and ten ſons of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid, upon Abimelech their brother, which ſlew them; and upon the men of Shechem, which aided him in the killing of his brethren.

25 And the men of Shechem ſet liers in wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them. And it was told Abimelech.

26 And Gaal the ſon of Ebed came with his brethren, and went over to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him.

27 And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trode the grapes, and made merry, and went into the houſe of their god, and did eat and drink, and curſed Abimelech.

28 And Gaal the ſon of Ebed ſaid, Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we ſhould ſerve him? is not he the ſon of Jerubbaal, and Zebul his officer? ſerve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem. For why ſhould we ſerve him?

29 And would to God this people were under my hand! then would I remove Abimelech. And he ſaid to Abimelech, Increaſe thine army, and come out.

30 And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the ſon of Ebed, his anger was kindled.

31 And he ſent meſſengers unto Abimelech privily, ſaying, Behold, Gaal the ſon of Ebed, and his brethren be come to Shechem; and behold, they fortify the city againſt thee.

32 Now therefore up by night, thou and the people that is with thee, and lie in wait in the field:

33 And it ſhall be that in the morning, as ſoon as the ſun is up, thou ſhalt riſe early, and ſet upon the city: and behold, when he and the people that is with him come out againſt thee, then mayeſt thou do to them as thou ſhalt find occaſion.

34 And Abimelech roſe up, and all the people that were with him, by night, and they laid wait againſt Shechem in four companies.

35 And Gaal the ſon of Ebed went out, and ſtood in the entering of the gate of the city: and Abimelech roſe up, and the people that were with him, from lying in wait.

36 And when Gaal ſaw the people, he ſaid to Zebul, Behold, there come people down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul ſaid unto him, Thou ſeeſt the ſhadow of the mountains as if they were men.

37 And Gaal ſpake again, and ſaid, See, there come people down by the middle of the land, and another company come along by the plain of Meonenim.

38 Then ſaid Zebul unto him, Where is now thy mouth, wherewith thou ſaidſt, Who is Abimelech, that we ſhould ſerve him? is not this the people that thou haſt deſpiſed? go out, I pray now, and fight with them.

39 And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.

40 And Abimelech chaſed him, and he fled before him, and many were overthrown and wounded, even unto the entering of the gate.

41 And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul thruſt out Gaal and his brethren that they ſhould not dwell in Shechem.

42 And it came to paſs on the morrow, that the people went out into the field; and they told Abimelech.

43 And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field, and looked, and behold, the people were come forth out of the city; and he roſe up againſt them, and ſmote them.

44 And Abimelech, and the company that was with him, ruſhed forward, and ſtood in the entering of the gate of the city; and the two other companies ran upon all the people that were in the fields, and ſlew them.

45 And Abimelech fought againſt the city all that day, and he took the city, and ſlew the people that was therein, and beat down the city, and ſowed it with ſalt.

46 And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard that, they entered into an hold of the houſe of the god Berith.

47 And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.

48 And Abimelech gat him up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people that were with him; and Abimelech took an ax in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid it on his ſhoulder, and ſaid unto the people that were with him, What ye have ſeen me do, make haſte, and do as I have done.

49 And all the people likewiſe cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the hold, and ſet the hold on fire upon them: ſo that all the men of the tower of Shechem died alſo, about a thouſand men and women.

50 Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped againſt Thebez, and took it.

51 But there was a ſtrong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and ſhut it to them, and gat them up to the top of the tower.

52 And Abimelech came unto the tower, and fought againſt it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire.

53 And a certain woman caſt a piece of a mill-ſtone upon Abimelech's head, and all to break his ſkull.

54 Then he called haſtily unto the young man his armour-bearer, and ſaid unto him, Draw thy ſword, and ſlay me, that men ſay not of me, A woman ſlew him. And his young man thruſt him through, and he died.

55 And when the men of Iſrael ſaw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place.

56 ¶ Thus God rendered the wickedneſs of Abimelech which he did unto his father, in ſlaying his ſeventy brethren;

57 And all the evil of the men of Shechem did God render upon their heads; and upon them came the curſe of Jotham the ſon of Jerubbaal.

CHAP. X.

Tola judgeth Iſrael; alſo Jair.

AND after Abimelech there aroſe to defend Iſrael Tola the ſon of Puah, the ſon of Dodo, a man of Iſſachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim.

2 And he judged Iſrael twenty and three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

3 ¶ And after him aroſe Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Iſrael twenty and two years.

4 And he had thirty ſons that rode on thirty aſs-colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called Havoth-jair unto this day, which are in the land of Gilead.

5 And Jair died, and was buried in Camon.

6 And the children of Iſrael did evil again in the ſight of the Lord, and ſerved Baalim, and Aſhtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philiſtines, and forſook the Lord, and ſerved not him.

7 ¶ And the anger of the Lord was hot againſt Iſrael, and he ſold them into the hands of the Philiſtines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.

8 And that year they vexed and oppreſſed the children of Iſrael eighteen years, all the children of Iſrael that were on the other ſide Jordan, in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

9 Moreover, the children of Ammon paſſed over Jordan to fight alſo againſt Judah, and againſt Benjamin, and againſt the houſe of Ephraim; ſo that Iſrael was ſore diſtreſſed.

10 And the children of Iſrael cried unto the Lord, ſaying, We have ſinned againſt thee, both becauſe we have forſaken our God, and alſo ſerved Baalim.

11 And the Lord ſaid unto the children of Iſrael, Did not I deliver you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philiſtines?

12 The Zidonians alſo, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites did oppreſs you, and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand.

13 Yet ye have forſaken me, and ſerved other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more.

14 Go and cry unto the gods which ye have choſen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.

15 ¶ And the children of Iſrael ſaid unto the Lord, We have ſinned: do thou unto us whatſoever ſeemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day.

16 And they put away the ſtrange gods from among them, and ſerved the Lord: and his ſoul was grieved for the miſery of Iſrael.

17 Then the children of Ammon were gathered together, and encamped in Gilead. And the children of Iſrael aſſembled themſelves together and encamped in Mizpeh.

18 And the people and princes of Gilead ſaid one to another, What man is he that will begin to fight againſt the children of Ammon? he ſhall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

CHAP. XI.

Jephthah's covenant with the Gileadites.

NOW Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he was the

ſon of an harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah.

2 And Gilead's wife bare him ſons: and his wife's ſons grew up, and they thruſt out Jephthah, and ſaid unto him, Thou ſhalt not inherit in our father's houſe; for thou art the ſon of a ſtrange woman.

3 Then Jephthah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vain men to Jephthah, and went out with him.

4 And it came to paſs in proceſs of time, that the children of Ammon made war againſt Iſrael.

5 And it was ſo, that when the children of Ammon made war againſt Iſrael, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob.

6 And they ſaid unto Jephthah, Come and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon.

7 And Jephthah ſaid unto the children of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and expel me out of my father's houſe? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in diſtreſs?

8 And the elders of Gilead ſaid unto Jephthah, Therefore we turn again to thee now, that thou mayeſt go with us, and fight againſt the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

9 And Jephthah ſaid unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight againſt the children of Ammon, and the Lord deliver them before me, ſhall I be your head?

10 And the elders of Gilead ſaid unto Jephthah, The Lord be witneſs between us, if we do not ſo according to thy words.

11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captain over them: and Jephthah uttered all his words before the Lord in Mizpeh.

12 And Jephthah ſent meſſengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, ſaying, What haſt thou to do with me, that thou art come againſt me, to fight in my land?

13 And the king of the children of Ammon anſwered unto the meſſengers of Jephthah, Becauſe Iſrael took away my land when they came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan. Now therefore reſtore thoſe lands again peaceably.

14 And Jephthah ſent meſſengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon;

15 And ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith Jephthah, Iſrael took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon:

16 But when Iſrael came up from Egypt, and walked through the wilderneſs unto the Red-ſea, and came to Kadeſh;

17 Then Iſrael ſent meſſengers unto the king of Edom, ſaying, Let me, I pray thee, paſs through thy land: but the king of Edom would not hearken thereto. And in like manner they ſent unto the king of Moab: but he would not conſent. And Iſrael abode in Kadeſh.

18 Then they went along through the wilderneſs, and compaſſed the land

We turn again to thee now, ver. 8.] Repent of what we have done formerly, and come now to make thee amends.

of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the eaſt ſide of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other ſide of Arnon, but came not within the border of Moab: for Arnon was the border of Moab.

19 And Iſrael ſent meſſengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heſhbon; and Iſrael ſaid unto him, Let us paſs, we pray thee, through thy land into my place.

20 But Sihon truſted not Iſrael to paſs through his coaſt: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought againſt Iſrael.

21 And the Lord God of Iſrael delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Iſrael, and they ſmote them: ſo Iſrael poſſeſſed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country.

22 And they poſſeſſed all the coaſts of the Amorites, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and from the wilderneſs even unto Jordan.

23 So now the Lord God of Iſrael hath diſpoſſeſſed the Amorites from before his people Iſrael; and ſhouldeſt thou poſſeſs it?

24 Wilt not thou poſſeſs that which Chemoſh thy god giveth thee to poſſeſs? ſo whomſoever the Lord our God ſhall drive out from before us, them will we poſſeſs.

25 And now art thou any thing better than Balak the ſon of Zippor, king of Moab? did he ever ſtrive againſt Iſrael, or did he ever fight againſt them,

26 While Iſrael dwelt in Heſhbon and her towns, and in Aroer and her towns, and in all the cities that be along by the coaſts of Arnon, three hundred years? why therefore did ye not recover them within that time?

27 Wherefore I have not ſinned againſt thee, but thou doeſt me wrong to war againſt me: the Lord the Judge be judge this day between the children of Iſrael and the children of Ammon.

28 Howbeit, the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not unto the words of Jephthah which he ſent him.

29 Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah, and he paſſed over Gilead, and Manaſſeh, and paſſed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he paſſed over unto the children of Ammon.

30 ¶ And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the Lord, and ſaid, If thou ſhalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands;

31 Then it ſhall be, that whatſoever cometh forth of the doors of my houſe to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, ſhall ſurely be the Lord's, and I will offer it up for a burnt-offering.

32 So Jephthah paſſed over unto the children of Ammon to fight againſt them; and the Lord delivered them into his hands.

33 And he ſmote them from Aroer even till thou come to Minnith, even twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vine-yards, with a very great ſlaughter. Thus the children of Ammon

Art thou any thing better than Balak, ver. 25.] Haſt thou a better title to this land, or haſt thou more ability to defend it.

were ſubdued before the children of Iſrael.

34 ¶ And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his houſe, and behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and ſhe was his only child; beſide her he had neither ſon nor daughter.

35 And it came to paſs when he ſaw her, that he rent his clothes, and ſaid, Alas, my daughter! thou haſt brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the Lord, and I cannot go back.

36 And ſhe ſaid unto him, My father, if thou haſt opened thy mouth unto the Lord, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; foraſmuch as the Lord hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, even of the children of Ammon.

37 And ſhe ſaid unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: Let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows.

38 And he ſaid, Go. And he ſent her away for two months. And ſhe went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains.

39 And it came to paſs at the end of two months, that ſhe returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed. And ſhe knew no man. And it was a cuſtom in Iſrael,

40 That the daughters of Iſrael went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

CHAP. XII.

The Ephraimites diſcerned by Shibboleth, are ſlain by the Gileadites.

AND the men of Ephraim gathered themſelves together, and went northward, and ſaid unto Jephthah, Wherefore paſſedſt thou over to fight againſt the children of Ammon, and didſt not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine houſe upon thee with fire.

2 And Jephthah ſaid unto them, I and my people were at great ſtrife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands.

3 And when I ſaw that ye delivered me not, I put my life in my hands, and paſſed over againſt the children of Ammon; and the Lord delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day to fight againſt me?

4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead ſmote Ephraim, becauſe they ſaid, Ye Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim, among the Ephraimites, and among the Manaſſites.

5 And the Gileadites took the paſſages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was ſo, that when thoſe Ephraimites, which were eſcaped, ſaid, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead ſaid unto him, Art thou an Ephraimite? if he ſaid, Nay;

6 Then ſaid they unto him, Say now Shibboleth; and he ſaid Sibboleth: for

Bewail my virginity, ver. 37.] That ſhe ſhould die childleſs; which was by them eſteemed a curſe as well as a diſgrace.

he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him and ſlew him at the paſſages of Jordan. And there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thouſand.

7 ¶ And Jephthah judged Iſrael ſix years: then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.

8 And after him Ibzan of Beth-lehem judged Iſrael.

9 And he had thirty ſons, and thirty daughters whom he ſent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his ſons: and he judged Iſrael ſeven years.

10 Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Beth-lehem.

11 And after him, Elon, a Zebulonite, judged Iſrael, and he judged Iſrael ten years.

12 And Elon the Zebulonite died and was buried in Aijalon in the country of Zebulun.

13 And after him, Abdon the ſon of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged Iſrael.

14 And he had forty ſons, and thirty nephews, that rode on threeſcore and ten aſs-colts: and he judged Iſrael eight years.

15 And Abdon the ſon of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

CHAP. XIII.

Iſrael is in the hand of the Philiſtines, &c.

AND the children of Iſrael did evil again in the ſight of the Lord; and the Lord delivered them into the hand of the Philiſtines forty years.

2 ¶ And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whoſe name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not.

3 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto the woman, and ſaid unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and beareſt not: but thou ſhalt conceive, and bear a ſon.

4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine, nor ſtrong drink, and eat not any unclean thing:

5 For lo, thou ſhalt conceive, and bear a ſon; and no razor ſhall come on his head; for the child ſhall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he ſhall begin to deliver Iſrael out of the hand of the Philiſtines.

6 Then the woman came and told her huſband, ſaying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I aſked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name.

7 But he ſaid unto me, Behold, thou ſhalt conceive, and bear a ſon; and now drink no wine nor ſtrong drink, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child ſhall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

8 ¶ Then Manoah intreated the Lord, and ſaid, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didſt ſend come again unto us, and teach us what we ſhall do unto the child that ſhall be born.

9 And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came

again unto the woman as ſhe ſat in the field: but Manoah her huſband was not with her.

10 And the woman made haſte, and ran, and ſhewed her huſband, and ſaid unto him; Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day.

11 And Manoah aroſe, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and ſaid unto him, Art thou the man that ſpakeſt unto the woman? And he ſaid, I am.

12 And Manoah ſaid, Now let thy words come to paſs. How ſhall we order the child? and how ſhall we do unto him?

13 And the angel of the Lord ſaid unto Manoah, Of all that I ſaid unto the woman let her beware.

14 She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or ſtrong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: all that I commanded her let her obſerve.

15 ¶ And Manoah ſaid unto the angel of the Lord, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we ſhall have made ready a kid for thee.

16 And the angel of the Lord ſaid unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt-offering, thou muſt offer it unto the Lord. For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the Lord.

17 And Manoah ſaid unto the angel of the Lord, What is thy name, that when thy ſayings come to paſs, we may do thee honour?

18 And the angel of the Lord ſaid unto him, Why aſkeſt thou thus after my name, ſeeing it is ſecret?

19 So Manoah took a kid, with a meat-offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the Lord. And the angel did wonderouſly, and Manoah and his wife looked on.

20 For it came to paſs, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the Lord aſcended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground.

21 But the angel of the Lord did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the Lord.

22 And Manoah ſaid unto his wife, We ſhall ſurely die, becauſe we have ſeen God.

23 But his wife ſaid unto him, If the Lord were pleaſed to kill us, he would not have received a burnt-offering and a meat-offering at our hands, neither would he have ſhewed us all theſe things, nor would, as at this time, have told us ſuch things as theſe.

24 ¶ And the woman bare a ſon, and called his name Samſon. And the child grew, and the Lord bleſſed him.

25 And the Spirit of the Lord began to move him at times in the camp of Dan, between Zorah and Eſhtaol.

CHAP. XIV.

Samſon deſireth a wife of the Philiſtines.

AND Samſon went down to Timnath, and ſaw a woman in Tim-

Aſcended in the flame of the altar, ver. 20.] To carry up their ſacrifice to heaven with him, and preſent it to God, and procure his gracious acceptance thereof.

nath of the daughters of the Philiſtines.

2 And he came up and told his father and his mother, and ſaid, I have ſeen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philiſtines: now therefore get her for me to wife.

3 Then his father and his mother ſaid unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goeſt to take a wife of the uncircumciſed Philiſtines? And Samſon ſaid unto his father, Get her for me; for ſhe pleaſeth me well.

4 But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the Lord, that he ſought an occaſion againſt the Philiſtines. For at that time the Philiſtines had dominion over Iſrael.

5 Then went Samſon down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vine-yards of Timnath: and behold, a young lion roared againſt him.

6 And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him; and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

7 And he went down and talked with the woman; and ſhe pleaſed Samſon well.

8 And after a time, he returned to take her, and he turned aſide to ſee the carcaſs of the lion: and behold, there was a ſwarm of bees, and honey in the carcaſs of the lion.

9 And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcaſs of the lion.

10 ¶ So his father went down unto the woman, and Samſon made there a feaſt: for ſo uſed the young men to do.

11 And it came to paſs when they ſaw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

12 ¶ And Samſon ſaid unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me within the ſeven days of the feaſt, and find it out, then I will give you thirty ſheets, and thirty change of garments;

13 But if ye cannot declare it me, then ſhall ye give me thirty ſheets, and thirty change of garments. And they ſaid unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it.

14 And he ſaid unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the ſtrong came forth ſweetneſs. And they could not in three days expound the riddle.

15 And it came to paſs on the ſeventh day, that they ſaid unto Samſon's wife, Entice thy huſband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, leſt we burn thee and thy father's houſe with fire: have ye called us to take that we have: is it not ſo?

16 And Samſon's wife wept before him, and ſaid, Thou doſt but hate me, and loveſt me not: thou haſt put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and haſt not told it me. And he ſaid unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and ſhall I tell it thee?

The Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, ver. 6.] Filled him with an heroic ſpirit, and with a miraculous degree of ſtrength, courage, and reſolution, and zeal upon this occaſion.

17 And ſhe wept before him the ſeven days, while their feaſt laſted: and it came to paſs on the ſeventh day, that he told her, becauſe ſhe lay ſore upon him: and ſhe told the riddle to the children of her people.

18 And the men of the city ſaid unto him on the ſeventh day before the ſun went down, What is ſweeter than honey? and what is ſtronger than a lion? and he ſaid unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle.

19 ¶ And the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he went down to Aſhkelon, and ſlew thirty men of them, and took their ſpoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's houſe.

20 But Samſon's wife was given to his companion, whom he had uſed as his friend.

CHAP. XV.

Samſon is denied his wife, &c.

BUT it came to paſs within a while after, in the time of wheat-harveſt, that Samſon viſited his wife with a kid; and he ſaid, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not ſuffer him to go in.

2 And her father ſaid, I verily thought that thou hadſt utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion: is not her younger ſiſter fairer than ſhe? take her, I pray thee, inſtead of her.

3 ¶ And Samſon ſaid concerning them, Now ſhall I be more blameleſs than the Philiſtines, though I do them a diſpleaſure.

4 And Samſon went and caught three hundred foxes, and took fire-brands, and turned tail to tail, and put a fire-brand in the midſt between two tails.

5 And when he had ſet the brands on fire, he let them go into the ſtanding-corn of the Philiſtines, and burnt up both the ſhocks, and alſo the ſtanding-corn, with the vine-yards and olives.

6 Then the Philiſtines ſaid, Who hath done this? And they anſwered, Samſon, the ſon-in-law of the Timnite, becauſe he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Philiſtines came up, and burned her and her father with fire.

7 And Samſon ſaid unto them, Though ye have done this, yet will I be avenged of you, and after that I will ceaſe.

8 And he ſmote them hip and thigh with a great ſlaughter. And he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock Etam.

9 ¶ Then the Philiſtines went up, and pitched in Judah, and ſpread themſelves in Lehi.

10 And the men of Judah ſaid, Why are ye come up againſt us? And they anſwered, To bind Samſon are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us.

11 Then three thouſand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and ſaid to Samſon, Knoweſt thou not that the Philiſtines are rulers over us?

His anger was kindled, ver. 19.] An actual impulſe of ſpirit, beſides his extraordinary habitual ſtrength and courage.

what is this that thou haſt done unto us? and he ſaid unto them, As they did unto me, ſo have I done unto them.

12 And they ſaid unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philiſtines. And Samſon ſaid unto them, Swear unto me that ye will not fall upon me yourſelves.

13 And they ſpake unto him, ſaying, No: but we will bind thee faſt, and deliver thee into their hand: but ſurely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

14 ¶ And when he came unto Lehi, the Philiſtines ſhouted againſt him: and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands looſed from off his hands.

15 And he found a new jaw-bone of an aſs, and put forth his hand and took it, and ſlew a thouſand men therewith.

16 And Samſon ſaid, With the jaw-bone of an aſs, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an aſs have I ſlain a thouſand men.

17 And it came to paſs when he had made an end of ſpeaking, that he caſt away the jaw-bone out of his hand, and called that place Ramath-lehi.

18 And he was ſore athirſt, and called on the Lord, and ſaid, Thou haſt given this great deliverance into the hand of thy ſervant: and now ſhall I die for thirſt, and fall into the hand of the uncircumciſed?

19 But God clave an hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his ſpirit came again, and he revived. Wherefore he called the name thereof En-hakkore, which is in Lehi, unto this day.

20 And he judged Iſrael in the days of the Philiſtines twenty years.

CHAP. XVI.

Samſon carrieth away the gates of Gaza.

THEN went Samſon to Gaza, and ſaw there an harlot, and went in unto her.

2 And it was told the Gazites, ſaying, Samſon is come hither. And they compaſſed him in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, ſaying, In the morning when it is day we ſhall kill him.

3 And Samſon lay till midnight, and aroſe at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two poſts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his ſhoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that is before Hebron.

4 ¶ And it came to paſs afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whoſe name was Delilah.

5 And the lords of the Philiſtines came up unto her, and ſaid unto her, Entice him, and ſee wherein his great ſtrength lieth, and by what means we may prevail againſt him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will

give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of ſilver.

6 And Delilah ſaid to Samſon, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great ſtrength lieth, and wherewith thou mighteſt be bound to afflict thee.

7 And Samſon ſaid unto her, If they bind me with ſeven green withs that were never dried, then ſhall I be weak, and be as another man.

8 Then the lords of the Philiſtines brought up to her ſeven green withs which had not been dried, and ſhe bound him with them.

9 Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And ſhe ſaid unto him, The Philiſtines be upon thee, Samſon. And he brake the withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his ſtrength was not known.

10 And Delilah ſaid unto Samſon, Behold, thou haſt mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mighteſt be bound.

11 And he ſaid unto her, If they bind me faſt with new ropes that never were occupied, then ſhall I be weak, and be as another man.

12 Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and ſaid unto him, The Philiſtines be upon thee, Samſon. And there were liers-in-wait abiding in the chamber. And he brake them from off his arms like a thread.

13 And Delilah ſaid unto Samſon, Hitherto thou haſt mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mighteſt be bound. And he ſaid unto her, If thou weaveſt the ſeven locks of my head with the web.

14 And ſhe faſtened it with the pin, and ſaid unto him, The Philiſtines be upon thee, Samſon. And he awaked out of his ſleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.

15 ¶ And ſhe ſaid unto him, How canſt thou ſay, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou haſt mocked me theſe three times, and haſt not told me wherein thy great ſtrength lieth.

16 And it came to paſs, when ſhe preſſed him daily with her words, and urged him, ſo that his ſoul was vexed unto death;

17 That he told her all his heart, and ſaid unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be ſhaven, then my ſtrength will go from me, and I ſhall become weak, and be like any other man.

18 And when Delilah ſaw that he had told her all his heart, ſhe ſent and called for the lords of the Philiſtines, ſaying, Come up this once; for he hath ſhewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philiſtines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.

19 And ſhe made him ſleep upon her knees: and ſhe called for a man, and ſhe cauſed him to ſhave off the ſeven locks of his head; and ſhe began to afflict him, and his ſtrength went from him.

20 And ſhe ſaid, The Philiſtines be upon thee, Samſon. And he awoke out of his ſleep, and ſaid, I will go

Faſtened it with the pin, ver. 14.] Having woven his locks in the web that was in the loom, and rolled it about the beam, ſhe faſtened the beam, that it might not turn back.

out as at other times before, and ſhake myſelf. And he wiſt not that the Lord was departed from him.

21 ¶ But the Philiſtines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of braſs; and he did grind in the priſon-houſe.

22 Howbeit, the hair of his head began to grow again, after he was ſhaven.

23 ¶ Then the lords of the Philiſtines gathered them together, for to offer a great ſacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they ſaid, Our god hath delivered Samſon our enemy into our hand.

24 And when the people ſaw him, they praiſed their god: for they ſaid, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the deſtroyer of our country, which ſlew many of us.

25 And it came to paſs when their hearts were merry, that they ſaid, Call for Samſon, that he may make us ſport. And they called for Samſon out of the priſon-houſe; and he made them ſport. And they ſet him between the pillars.

26 And Samſon ſaid unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the houſe ſtandeth, that I may lean upon them.

27 Now the houſe was full of men and women: and all the lords of the Philiſtines were there: and there were upon the roof about three thouſand men and women, that beheld while Samſon made ſport.

28 And Samſon called unto the Lord, and ſaid, O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and ſtrengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philiſtines for my two eyes.

29 And Samſon took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the houſe ſtood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

30 And Samſon ſaid, Let me die with the Philiſtines. And he bowed himſelf with all his might; and the houſe fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he ſlew at his death were more than they which he ſlew in his life.

31 Then his brethren, and all the houſe of his father, came down and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eſhtaol, in the burying-place of Manoah his father. And he judged Iſrael twenty years.

CHAP. XVII.

Micah reſtoring the ſtolen money to his mother, ſhe maketh images, &c.

AND there was a man of mount Ephraim, whoſe name was Micah.

2 And he ſaid unto his mother, The eleven hundred ſhekels of ſilver that were taken from thee, about which thou curſedſt, and ſpakedſt of alſo in mine ears, behold, the ſilver is with me; I took it. And his mother ſaid, Bleſſed be thou of the Lord, my ſon.

The Lord was departed from him, ver. 20.] Not in reſpect of ſanctifying grace, but of that ſupernatural ſtrength wherewith he had before aſſiſted him.

3 And when he had reſtored the eleven hundred ſhekels of ſilver to his mother, his mother ſaid, I had wholly dedicated the ſilver unto the Lord, from my hand, for my ſon, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will reſtore it unto thee.

4 Yet he reſtored the money unto his mother: and his mother took two hundred ſhekels of ſilver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the houſe of Micah.

5 And the man Micah had an houſe of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and conſecrated one of his ſons, who became his prieſt.

6 In thoſe days there was no king in Iſrael, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

7 ¶ And there was a young man out of Beth-lehem-judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, and he ſojourned there.

8 And the man departed out of the city from Beth-lehem-judah, to ſojourn where he could find a place: and he came to mount Ephraim to the houſe of Micah, as he journeyed.

9 And Micah ſaid unto him, Whence comeſt thou? And he ſaid unto him, I am a Levite of Beth-lehem-judah, and I go to ſojourn where I may find a place.

10 And Micah ſaid unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a prieſt, and I will give thee ten ſhekels of ſilver by the year, and a ſuit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in.

11 And the Levite was content to dwell with the man, and the young man was unto him as one of his ſons.

12 And Micah conſecrated the Levite; and the young man became his prieſt, and was in the houſe of Micah.

13 Then ſaid Micah, Now know I that the Lord will do me good, ſeeing I have a Levite to my prieſt.

CHAP. XVIII.

The Danites ſend five men to ſeek out an inheritance: they win Laiſh.

IN thoſe days there was no king in Iſrael: and in thoſe days the tribe of the Danites ſought them an inheritance to dwell in: for unto that day all their inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Iſrael.

2 And the children of Dan ſent of their family five men from their coaſts, men of valour, from Zorah and from Eſhtaol, to ſpy out the land, and to ſearch it; and they ſaid unto them, Go, ſearch the land. Who when they came to mount Ephraim, to the houſe of Micah, they lodged there.

3 When they were by the houſe of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite: and they turned in thither, and ſaid unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what makeſt thou in this place? and what haſt thou here?

4 And he ſaid unto them, Thus and thus dealeth Micah with me, and hath hired me, and I am his prieſt.

5 And they ſaid unto him, Aſk counſel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go ſhall be proſperous.

6 And the prieſt ſaid unto them, Go in peace; before the Lord is your way wherein ye go.

7 Then the five men departed, and came to Laiſh, and ſaw the people that were therein, how they dwelt careleſs, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and ſecure: and there was no magiſtrate in the land, that might put them to ſhame in any thing: and they were far from the Zidonians, and had no buſineſs with any man.

8 And they came unto their brethren to Zorah and Eſhtaol; and their brethren ſaid unto them, What ſay ye?

9 And they ſaid, Ariſe, that we may go up againſt them; for we have ſeen the land, and behold, it is very good: and are ye ſtill? be not ſlothful to go, and to enter to poſſeſs the land.

10 When ye go, ye ſhall come unto a people ſecure, and to a large land: for God hath given it into your hands: a place where there is no want of any thing that is in the earth.

11 And there went from thence, of the family of the Danites out of Zorah and out of Eſhtaol, ſix hundred men, appointed with weapons of war.

12 And they went up, and pitched in Kirjath-jearim, in Judah: wherefore they called that place Mahaneh-dan unto this day: behold, it is behind Kirjath-jearim.

13 And they paſſed thence unto mount Ephraim, and came unto the houſe of Micah.

14 Then anſwered the five men that went to ſpy out the country of Laiſh, and ſaid unto their brethren, Do ye know that there is in theſe houſes an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image? now therefore conſider what ye have to do.

15 And they turned thitherward, and came to the houſe of the young man the Levite, even unto the houſe of Micah, and ſaluted him.

16 And the ſix hundred men appointed with their weapons of war, which were of the children of Dan, ſtood by the entering of the gate.

17 And the five men that went to ſpy out the land, went up, and came in thither, and took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the prieſt ſtood in the entering of the gate, with the ſix hundred men that were appointed with weapons of war.

18 And theſe went into Micah's houſe, and fetched the carved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image. Then ſaid the prieſt unto them, What do ye?

19 And they ſaid unto him, Hold thy peace, lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a prieſt: is it better for thee to be a prieſt unto the houſe of one man, or that thou be a prieſt unto a tribe and a family in Iſrael?

20 And the prieſt's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the tera-

Conſider what ye have to do, ver. 14.] Whether it may not be adviſeable to take them along with us.

phim, and the graven image, and went in the midſt of the people.

21 So they turned and departed, and put the little ones, and the cattle, and the carriage before them.

22 And when they were a good way from the houſe of Micah, the men that were in the houſes near to Micah's houſe were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan.

23 And they cried unto the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and ſaid unto Micah, What aileth thee, that thou comeſt with ſuch a company?

24 And he ſaid, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the prieſt, and ye are gone away: and what have I more? and what is this that ye ſay unto me, What aileth thee?

25 And the children of Dan ſaid unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, leſt angry fellows run upon thee, and thou loſe thy life, with the lives of thy houſhold.

26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah ſaw that they were too ſtrong for him, he turned and went back unto his houſe.

27 ¶ And they took the things which Micah had made, and the prieſt which he had, and came unto Laiſh, unto a people that were at quiet, and ſecure: and they ſmote them with the edge of the ſword, and burned the city with fire.

28 And there was no deliverer, becauſe it was far from Zidon, and they had no buſineſs with any man; and it was in the valley that lieth by Beth-rehob. And they built a city, and dwelt therein.

29 And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Iſrael: howbeit, the name of the city was Laiſh at the firſt.

30 And the children of Dan ſet up the graven image: and Jonathan the ſon of Gerſhom, the ſon of Manaſſeh, he and his ſons, were prieſts to the tribe of Dan, until the day of the captivity of the land.

31 And they ſet them up Micah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the houſe of God was in Shiloh.

CHAP. XIX.

A Levite going to Beth-lehem to fetch his wife, an old man entertaineth him, &c.

AND it came to paſs in thoſe days, when there was no king in Iſrael, that there was a certain Levite ſojourning on the ſide of mount Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of Beth-lehem-judah.

2 And his concubine played the whore againſt him, and went away from him unto her father's houſe to Beth-lehem-judah, and was there four whole months.

3 And her huſband aroſe, and went after her to ſpeak friendly unto her, and to bring her again, having his ſervant with him, and a couple of aſſes: and ſhe brought him into her father's houſe; and when the father of the damſel ſaw him, he rejoiced to meet him.

4 And his father-in-law, the damſel's father, retained him; and he abode with

him three days; ſo they did eat and drink, and lodged there.

5 And it came to paſs on the fourth day, when they aroſe up early in the morning, that he roſe up to depart: and the damſel's father ſaid unto his ſon-in-law, Comfort thine heart with a morſel of bread, and afterward go your way.

6 And they ſat down, and did eat and drink both of them together; for the damſel's father had ſaid unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry.

7 And when the man roſe up to depart, his father-in-law urged him: therefore he lodged there again.

8 And he aroſe early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damſel's father ſaid, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried until afternoon, and they did eat both of them.

9 And when the man roſe up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his ſervant, his father-in-law, the damſel's father, ſaid unto him, Behold, now the day draweth towards evening, I pray you tarry all night: behold, the day groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to-morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayeſt go home.

10 But the man would not tarry that night, but he roſe up, and departed, and came over-againſt Jebus, which is Jeruſalem: and there were with him two aſſes ſaddled, his concubine alſo was with him.

11 And when they were by Jebus, the day was far ſpent, and the ſervant ſaid unto his maſter, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn into this city of the Jebuſites, and lodge in it.

12 And his maſter ſaid unto him, We will not turn aſide hither into the city of a ſtranger, that is not of the children of Iſrael; we will paſs over to Gibeah.

13 And he ſaid unto his ſervant, Come, and let us draw near to one of theſe places to lodge all night, in Gibeah, or in Ramah.

14 And they paſſed on and went their way; and the ſun went down upon them when they were by Gibeah, which belongeth to Benjamin.

15 And they turned aſide thither, to go in and to lodge in Gibeah. And when he went in, he ſat him down in a ſtreet of the city: for there was no man that took them into his houſe to lodging.

16 ¶ And behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at even, which was alſo of mount Ephraim; and he ſojourned in Gibeah: but the men of the place were Benjamites.

17 And when he had lifted up his eyes, he ſaw a wayfaring man in the ſtreet of the city: and the old man ſaid, Whither goeſt thou? and whence comeſt thou?

18 And he ſaid unto him, We are paſſing from Beth-lehem-judah, toward the ſide of mount Ephraim; from thence am I: and I went to Beth-lehem-judah, but I am now going to the houſe of the

The city of a ſtranger, ver. 12.] The ſtory, therefore, of this chapter, took place before Jeruſalem was taken, either by the Benjamites or Judah.

Lord; and there is no man that receiveth me to houſe.

19 Yet there is both ſtraw and provender for our aſſes; and there is bread and wine alſo for me and for thy handmaid, and for the young man which is with thy ſervants: there is no want of any thing.

20 And the old man ſaid, Peace be with thee; howſoever, let all thy wants lie upon me; only lodge not in the ſtreet.

21 So he brought him into his houſe, and gave provender unto the aſſes: and they waſhed their feet, and did eat and drink.

22 ¶ Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain ſons of Belial, beſet the houſe round about, and beat at the door, and ſpake to the maſter of the houſe, the old man, ſaying, Bring forth the man that came into thine houſe, that we may know him.

23 And the man, the maſter of the houſe, went out unto them, and ſaid unto them, Nay, my brethren, nay, I pray you, do not ſo wickedly; ſeeing that this man is come into mine houſe, do not this folly.

24 Behold, here is my daughter, a maiden, and his concubine; them will I bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what ſeemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not ſo vile a thing.

25 But the men would not hearken to him: ſo the man took his concubine and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abuſed her all the night until the morning; and when the day began to ſpring, they let her go.

26 Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's houſe, where her lord was, till it was light.

27 And her lord roſe up in the morning and opened the doors of the houſe, and went out to go his way: and behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down at the door of the houſe, and her hands were upon the threſhold.

28 And he ſaid unto her, Up, and let us be going; but none anſwered. Then the man took her up upon an aſs, and the man roſe up, and gat him unto his place.

29 And when he was come into his houſe, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, together with her bones, into twelve pieces, and ſent her into all the coaſts of Iſrael.

30 And it was ſo, that all that ſaw it, ſaid, There was no ſuch deed done nor ſeen from the day that the children of Iſrael came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day; conſider of it, take advice, and ſpeak your minds.

CHAP. XX.

The Levite in a general aſſembly declareth his wrong: their decree.

THEN all the children of Iſrael went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Beer-ſheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the Lord in Mizpeh.

Let all thy wants lie upon me, ver. 20.] I will take care to ſupply all thy wants.

2 And the chief of all the people, even of all the tribes of Iſrael, preſented themſelves in the aſſembly of the people of God, four hundred thouſand footmen that drew ſword.

3 Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Iſrael were gone up to Mizpeh. Then ſaid the children of Iſrael, Tell us, how was this wickedneſs?

4 And the Levite, the huſband of the woman that was ſlain, anſwered and ſaid, I came into Gibeah that belongeth to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge:

5 And the men of Gibeah roſe againſt me, and beſet the houſe round about upon me by night, and thought to have ſlain me: and my concubine have they forced, that ſhe is dead.

6 And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and ſent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Iſrael: for they have committed lewdneſs and folly in Iſrael.

7 Behold, ye are all children of Iſrael: give here your advice and counſel.

8 ¶ And all the people aroſe as one man, ſaying, We will not any of us go to his tent, neither will we any of us turn into his houſe.

9 But now, this ſhall be the thing which we will do to Gibeah; we will go up by lot againſt it;

10 And we will take ten men of an hundred throughout all the tribes of Iſrael, and an hundred of a thouſand, and a thouſand out of ten thouſand, to fetch victuals for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Iſrael.

11 So all the men of Iſrael were gathered againſt the city, knit together as one man.

12 And the tribes of Iſrael ſent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, ſaying, What wickedneſs is this that is done among you?

13 Now therefore deliver us the men, the children of Belial, which are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Iſrael. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Iſrael:

14 But the children of Benjamin gathered themſelves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle againſt the children of Iſrael.

15 And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty and ſix thouſand men that drew ſword, beſide the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbered ſeven hundred choſen men.

16 Among all this people there were ſeven hundred choſen men left-handed: every one could ſling ſtones at an hairbreadth, and not miſs.

17 And the men of Iſrael, beſide Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thouſand men that drew ſword: all theſe were men of war.

18 And the children of Iſrael aroſe, and went up to the houſe of God, and aſked counſel of God, and ſaid, Which of us ſhall go up firſt to the battle againſt the children of Benja-

And thought to have ſlain me, ver. 5.] In caſe I would not yield to them; or elſe by their unnatural luſt.

min? And the Lord ſaid, Judah ſhall go up firſt.

19 And the children of Iſrael roſe up in the morning, and encamped againſt Gibeah.

20 And the men of Iſrael went out to battle againſt Benjamin: and the men of Iſrael put themſelves in array to fight againſt them at Gibeah.

21 And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and deſtroyed down to the ground of the Iſraelites that day twenty and two thouſand men.

22 And the people the men of Iſrael encouraged themſelves, and ſet their battle again in array in the place where they put themſelves in array the firſt day.

23 (And the children of Iſrael went up and wept before the Lord until even, and aſked counſel of the Lord, ſaying, Shall I go up again to battle againſt the children of Benjamin my brother? and the Lord ſaid, Go up againſt him.)

24 And the children of Iſrael came near againſt the children of Benjamin the ſecond day.

25 And Benjamin went forth againſt them out of Gibeah the ſecond day, and deſtroyed down to the ground of the children of Iſrael again, eighteen thouſand men: all theſe drew the ſword.

26 ¶ Then all the children of Iſrael and all the people went up, and came unto the houſe of God, and wept, and ſat there before the Lord, and faſted that day until even, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before the Lord.

27 And the children of Iſrael enquired of the Lord, (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in thoſe days,

28 And Phinehas the ſon of Eleazar, the ſon of Aaron, ſtood before it in thoſe days,) ſaying, Shall I yet again go out to battle againſt the children of Benjamin my brother, or ſhall I ceaſe? And the Lord ſaid, Go up; for to-morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.

29 And Iſrael ſet liers-in-wait round about Gibeah.

30 And the children of Iſrael went up againſt the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themſelves in array againſt Gibeah as at other times.

31 And the children of Benjamin went out againſt the people, and were drawn away from the city; and they began to ſmite of the people, and kill as at other times, in the high-ways, of which one goeth up to the houſe of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Iſrael.

32 And the children of Benjamin ſaid, They are ſmitten down before us as at the firſt. But the children of Iſrael ſaid, Let us flee, and draw them from the city unto the high-ways.

33 And all the men of Iſrael roſe up out of their place, and put themſelves in array at Baal-tamar: and the liers-in-wait of Iſrael came forth out of their places, even out of the meadows of Gibeah.

34 And there came againſt Gibeah ten thouſand choſen men out of all Iſrael, and the battle was ſore: but they knew not that evil was near them.

Deſtroyed down to the ground, &c. ver. 21.] Which God ſuffered, to correct them for their ſelf-confidence, idolatry, and other ſins, and to prevent their glorying in their own ſtrength.

35 And the Lord ſmote Benjamin before Iſrael: and the children of Iſrael deſtroyed of the Benjamites that day twenty and five thouſand and an hundred men: all theſe drew the ſword.

36 So the children of Benjamin ſaw that they were ſmitten. For the men of Iſrael gave place to the Benjamites, becauſe they truſted unto the liers-in-wait which they had ſet beſide Gibeah.

37 And the liers-in-wait haſted, and ruſhed upon Gibeah; and the liers-in-wait drew themſelves along, and ſmote all the city with the edge of the ſword.

38 Now there was an appointed ſign between the men of Iſrael and the liers-in-wait, that they ſhould make a great flame with ſmoke riſe up out of the city.

39 And when the men of Iſrael retired in the battle, Benjamin began to ſmite and kill of the men of Iſrael about thirty perſons: for they ſaid, Surely they are ſmitten down before us as in the firſt battle.

40 But when the flame began to ariſe up out of the city with a pillar of ſmoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and behold, the flame of the city aſcended up to heaven.

41 And when the men of Iſrael turned again, the men of Benjamin were amazed: for they ſaw that evil was come upon them.

42 Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Iſrael, unto the way of the wilderneſs; but the battle overtook them: and them which came out of the cities, they deſtroyed in the midſt of them.

43 Thus they incloſed the Benjamites round about, and chaſed them, and trode them down with eaſe, over-againſt Gibeah, toward the ſun-riſing.

44 And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thouſand men: all theſe were men of valour.

45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderneſs unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the high-ways five thouſand men; and purſued hard after them unto Gidom, and ſlew two thouſand men of them.

46 So that all which fell that day of Benjamin were twenty and five thouſand men that drew the ſword: all theſe were men of valour.

47 But ſix hundred men turned and fled to the wilderneſs unto the rock Rimmon, and abode in the rock Rimmon four months.

48 And the men of Iſrael turned again upon the children of Benjamin, and ſmote them with the edge of the ſword, as well the men of every city, as the beaſt, and all that came to hand: alſo they ſet on fire all the cities that they came to.

CHAP. XXI.

The people bewail the deſolation of Benjamin, &c.

NOW the men of Iſrael had ſworn, in Mizpeh, ſaying, There ſhall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife.

2 And the people came to the houſe of God, and abode there till even be-

There ſhall not any of us give his daughter, &c. ver. 1.] Though there ſhould many of them eſcape, yet we will have no ſociety with them, but look upon them as heathens.

fore God, and lifted up their voices and wept ſore;

3 And ſaid, O Lord God of Iſrael, why is this come to paſs in Iſrael, that there ſhould be to-day one tribe lacking in Iſrael?

4 And it came to paſs on the morrow, that the people roſe early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings.

5 And the children of Iſrael ſaid, Who is there among all the tribes of Iſrael that came not up with the congregation unto the Lord? for they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up to the Lord to Mizpeh, ſaying, He ſhall ſurely be put to death.

6 And the children of Iſrael repented them for Benjamin their brother, and ſaid, There is one tribe cut off from Iſrael this day.

7 How ſhall we do for wives for them that remain, ſeeing we have ſworn by the Lord, that we will not give them of our daughters to wives?

8 And they ſaid, What one is there of the tribes of Iſrael, that came not up to Mizpeh to the Lord? and behold, there came none to the camp from Jabeſh-gilead to the aſſembly.

9 For the people were numbered, and behold, there were none of the inhabitants of Jabeſh-gilead there.

10 And the congregation ſent thither twelve thouſand men of the valianteſt, and commanded them, ſaying, Go and ſmite the inhabitants of Jabeſh-gilead with the edge of the ſword, with the women and the children.

11 And this is the thing that ye ſhall do, Ye ſhall utterly deſtroy every male, and every woman that hath lain by man.

12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabeſh-gilead four hundred young virgins that had known no man by lying with any male: and they brought them unto the camp to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

13 And the whole congregatien ſent ſome to ſpeak to the children of Benjamin that were in the rock Rimmon, and to call peaceably unto them.

14 And Benjamin came again at that time; and they gave them wives which they had ſaved alive of the women of Jabeſh-gilead: and yet ſo they ſufficed them not.

15 And the people repented them for Benjamin, becauſe that the Lord had made a breach in the tribes of Iſrael.

16 ¶ Then the elders of the congregation ſaid, How ſhall we do for wives for them that remain, ſeeing the women are deſtroyed out of Benjamin?

17 And they ſaid, There muſt be an inheritance for them that be eſcaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not deſtroyed out of Iſrael.

18 Howbeit, we may not give them wives of our daughters: for the children of Iſrael have ſworn, ſaying, Curſed be he that giveth a wife to Benjamin.

19 Then they ſaid, Behold, there is a feaſt of the Lord in Shiloh yearly, in a place which is on the north ſide of Beth-el, on the eaſt ſide of the high-

There muſt be an inheritance for them, ver. 17.] They that are eſcaped muſt have the whole inheritance that belongs to that tribe; therefore all of them have need for wives.

way that goeth up from Beth-el to Shechem, and on the ſouth of Lebonah.

20 Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, ſaying, Go and lie in wait in the vine-yards:

21 And ſee, and behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come ye out of the vine-yards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.

22 And it ſhall be when their fathers or their brethren come unto us to complain, that we will ſay unto them, Be favourable unto them for our ſakes: becauſe we reſerved not to each man his wife in the war: for ye did not give unto them at this time, that ye ſhould be guilty.

23 And the children of Benjamin did ſo, and took them wives according to their number, of them that danced, whom they caught. And they went and returned unto their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.

24 And the children of Iſrael departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe, and to his family, and they went out from thence every man to his inheritance.

25 In thoſe days there was no king in Iſrael: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

THE BOOK OF

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CHAP. I.

Elimelech driven by famine into Moab, dieth there, &c.

NOW it came to paſs, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to ſojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two ſons.

2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two ſons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

3 And Elimelech, Naomi's huſband, died; and ſhe was left, and her two ſons.

4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.

5 And Mahlon and Chilion died alſo both of them; and the woman was left of her two ſons and her huſband.

6 ¶ Then ſhe aroſe with her daughters-in-law, that ſhe might return from

* The main deſign of this Book is to give an account of the holy line of Chriſt's anceſtors from Judah to David, by means of Ruth; to ſhew that Chriſt came of, and for, the Gentiles as well as the Jews.

the country of Moab: for ſhe had heard in the country of Moab how that the Lord had viſited his people in giving them bread.

7 Wherefore ſhe went forth out of the place where ſhe was, and her two daughters-in-law with her: and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.

8 And Naomi ſaid unto her two daughters-in-law, Go, return each to her mother's houſe: the Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.

9 The Lord grant you that ye may find reſt, each of you, in the houſe of her huſband. Then ſhe kiſſed them. And they lifted up their voice and wept.

10 And they ſaid unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.

11 And Naomi ſaid, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? are there yet any more ſons in my womb, that they may be your huſbands?

12 Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have an huſband. If I ſhould ſay, I have hope, if I ſhould have an huſband alſo to-night, and ſhould alſo bear ſons:

13 Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye ſtay for them from having huſbands? nay, my daughters: for it grieveth me much for your ſakes, that the hand of the Lord is gone out againſt me.

14 ¶ And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kiſſed her mother-in-law: but Ruth clave unto her.

15 And ſhe ſaid, Behold, thy ſiſter-in-law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy ſiſter-in-law.

16 And Ruth ſaid, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goeſt, I will go; and where thou lodgeſt, I will lodge: thy people ſhall be my people, and thy God my God:

17 Where thou dieſt, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do ſo to me, and more alſo, if aught but death part thee and me.

18 When ſhe ſaw that ſhe was ſtedfaſtly minded to go with her, then ſhe left ſpeaking unto her.

19 So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to paſs, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was moved about them; and they ſaid, Is this Naomi?

20 And ſhe ſaid unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

21 I went out full, and the Lord hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, ſeeing the Lord hath teſtified againſt me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth, the Moabiteſs, her daughter-in-law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab. And they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley-harveſt.

'Unto her gods, ver. 15.] Her idolatrous worſhip; which here ſhe upbraids her for, in hopes to bring her off from it.

CHAP. II.

Ruth gleaneth in the fields of Boaz, &c.

AND Naomi had a kinſman of her huſband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.

2 And Ruth, the Moabiteſs, ſaid unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whoſe ſight I ſhall find grace. And ſhe ſaid unto her, Go my daughter.

3 And ſhe went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

4 ¶ And behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and ſaid unto the reapers, The Lord be with you: and they anſwered him, The Lord bleſs thee.

5 Then ſaid Boaz unto his ſervant that was ſet over the reapers, Whoſe damſel is this?

6 And the ſervant that was ſet over the reapers anſwered and ſaid, It is the Moabitiſh damſel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:

7 And ſhe ſaid, I pray you, let me glean, and gather after the reapers among the ſheaves: ſo ſhe came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that ſhe tarried a little in the houſe.

8 ¶ Then ſaid Boaz unto Ruth, Heareſt thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here faſt by my maidens.

9 Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they ſhall not touch thee? and when thou art athirſt, go unto the veſſels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.

10 Then ſhe fell on her face and bowed herſelf to the ground, and ſaid unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou ſhouldeſt take knowledge of me, ſeeing I am a ſtranger?

11 And Boaz anſwered and ſaid unto her, it hath fully been ſhewed me all that thou haſt done unto thy mother-in-law ſince the death of thine huſband: and how thou haſt left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou kneweſt not heretofore.

12 The Lord recompenſe thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Iſrael, under whoſe wings thou art come to truſt.

13 Then ſhe ſaid, Let me find favour in thy ſight, my lord; for that thou haſt comforted me, and for that thou haſt ſpoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.

14 And Boaz ſaid unto her, At meal-time come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morſel in the vinegar. And ſhe ſat beſide the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and ſhe did eat, and was ſufficed, and left.

15 And when ſhe was riſen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, ſaying, Let her glean even among the ſheaves, and reproach her not.

And her hap, &c. ver. 3.] The providence of God ſo ordered it, though it was a chance in reſpect of ſecond cauſes.

16 And let fall alſo ſome of the handfuls of purpoſe for her, and leave them that ſhe may glean them, and rebuke her not.

17 So ſhe gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that ſhe had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.

18 And ſhe took it up, and went into the city. And her mother-in-law ſaw what ſhe had gleaned. And ſhe brought forth and gave to her that ſhe had reſerved, after ſhe was ſufficed.

19 And her mother-in-law ſaid unto her, Where haſt thou gleaned to-day? and where wroughteſt thou? bleſſed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And ſhe ſhewed her mother-in-law with whom ſhe had wrought, and ſaid, The man's name with whom I wrought to-day is Boaz.

20 And Naomi ſaid unto her daughter-in-law, Bleſſed be he of the Lord, who hath not left off his kindneſs to the living and to the dead. And Naomi ſaid unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinſmen.

21 And Ruth the Moabiteſs ſaid, He ſaid unto me alſo, Thou ſhalt keep faſt by my young men until they have ended all my harveſt.

22 And Naomi ſaid unto Ruth her daughter-in-law, It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field.

23 So ſhe kept faſt by the maidens of Boaz, to glean unto the end of barley-harveſt, and of wheat-harveſt; and dwelt with her mother-in-law.

CHAP. III.

By Naomi's inſtruction, Ruth lies at Boaz's feet, &c.

THEN Naomi her mother-in-law ſaid unto her, My daughter, ſhall I not ſeek reſt for thee that it may be well with thee?

2 And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whoſe maidens thou waſt? Behold, he winnoweth barley to-night in the threſhing-floor.

3 Waſh thyſelf therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee: and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyſelf known unto the man, until he ſhall have done eating and drinking.

4 And it ſhall be when he lieth down, that thou ſhalt mark the place where he ſhall lie, and thou ſhalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down: and he will tell thee what thou ſhalt do.

5 And ſhe ſaid unto her, All that thou ſayeſt unto me I will do.

6 And ſhe went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother-in-law bade her.

7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and ſhe came ſoftly and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

8 ¶ And it came to paſs at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himſelf: and behold, a woman lay at his feet.

9 And he ſaid, Who art thou? And ſhe anſwered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: ſpread therefore thy ſkirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinſman.

10 And he ſaid, Bleſſed be thou of the Lord, my daughter: for thou haſt ſhewed more kindneſs in the latter end than at the beginning, inaſmuch as thou followedſt not young men, whether poor or rich.

11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requireſt: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.

12 And now it is true, that I am thy near kinſman: howbeit, there is a kinſman nearer than I.

13 Tarry this night, and it ſhall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinſman, well; let him do the kinſman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinſman to thee, then I will do the part of a kinſman to thee, as the Lord liveth: lie down until the morning.

14 And ſhe lay at his feet until the morning: and ſhe roſe up before one could know another. And he ſaid, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor.

15 Alſo he ſaid, Bring the veil that thou haſt upon thee, and hold it. And when ſhe held it, he meaſured ſix meaſures of barley, and laid it on her: and ſhe went into the city.

16 And when ſhe came to her mother-in-law, ſhe ſaid, Who art thou, my daughter? And ſhe told her all that the man had done to her.

17 And ſhe ſaid, Theſe ſix meaſures of barley gave he me; for he ſaid to me, Go not empty unto thy mother-in-law.

18 Then ſaid ſhe, Sit ſtill, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in reſt, until he have finiſhed the thing this day.

CHAP. IV.

Boaz calleth into judgement the next kinſman, &c.

THEN went Boaz up to the gate, and ſat him down there: and behold the kinſman of whom Boaz ſpake came by; unto whom he ſaid, Ho, ſuch a one, turn aſide, ſit down here. And he turned aſide, and ſat down.

2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and ſaid, Sit ye down here. And they ſat down.

3 And he ſaid unto the kinſman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, ſelleth a parcel of land which was our brother Elimelech's.

4 And I thought to advertiſe thee, ſaying, Buy it before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it: but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me that I may know: for there is none to redeem it beſide thee; and I am after thee. And he ſaid, I will redeem it.

5 Then ſaid Boaz, What day thou buyeſt the field of the hand of Naomi, thou muſt buy it alſo of Ruth, the

Spread therefore thy ſkirt over thine handmaid, ver. 9.] Take me into thy protection, by taking me to be thy wife.

Moabiteſs, the wife of the dead, to raiſe up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.

6 ¶ And the kinſman ſaid, I cannot redeem it for myſelf, leſt I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyſelf; for I cannot redeem it.

7 Now this was the manner in former time in Iſrael concerning redeeming, and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his ſhoe, and gave it to his neighbour: and this was a teſtimony in Iſrael.

8 Therefore the kinſman ſaid unto Boaz, Buy it for thee: ſo he drew off his ſhoe.

9 And Boaz ſaid unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witneſſes this day that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.

10 ¶ Moreover, Ruth the Moabiteſs, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchaſed to be my wife, to raiſe up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witneſſes this day.

11 And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders ſaid, We are witneſſes. The Lord make the woman that is come into thine houſe like Rachel, and like Leah, which two did build the houſe of Iſrael: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Beth-lehem.

12 And let thy houſe be like the houſe of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the ſeed which the Lord ſhall give thee of this young woman.

13 So Boaz took Ruth, and ſhe was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the Lord gave her conception, and ſhe bare a ſon.

14 And the woman ſaid unto Naomi, Bleſſed be the Lord, which hath not left thee this day without a kinſman, that his name may be famous in Iſrael.

15 And he ſhall be unto thee a reſtorer of thy life, and a nouriſher of thine old age. For thy daughter-in-law which loveth thee, which is better to thee than ſeven ſons, hath borne him.

16 And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her boſom, and became nurſe unto it.

17 And the women her neighbours gave it a name, ſaying, There is a ſon born to Naomi: and they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jeſſe, the father of David.

18 Now theſe are the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron,

19 And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab,

20 And Amminadab begat Naſhon, and Nahſhon begat Salmon,

21 And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed,

22 And Obed begat Jeſſe, and Jeſſe begat David.

Gave it to his neighbour, ver. 7.] The buyer or redeemer; which ſignified, Take this ſhoe wherewith I uſed to tread upon my land, and in that ſhoe do thou enter upon it, and take poſſeſſion.

THE FIRST BOOK

OF

SAMUEL,

OTHERWISE CALLED, THE FIRST BOOK OF THE *KINGS.*

CHAP. I.

Elkanah and his two wives, &c.

NOW there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the ſon of Jeroham, the ſon of Elihu, the ſon of Tohu, the ſon of Zuph, an Ephrathite.

2 And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah; and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 And this man went up out of his city yearly, to worſhip and to ſacrifice unto the Lord of hoſts in Shiloh. And the two ſons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the prieſts of the Lord, were there.

4 And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her ſons and her daughters, portions:

5 But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion: for he loved Hannah: but the Lord had ſhut up her womb.

6 And her adverſary alſo provoked her ſore, for to make her fret becauſe the Lord had ſhut up her womb.

7 And as he did ſo year by year, when ſhe went up to the houſe of the Lord; ſo ſhe provoked her: therefore ſhe wept, and did not eat.

8 Then ſaid Elkanah her huſband to her, Hannah, why weepeſt thou? and why eateſt thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten ſons.

9 ¶ So Hannah roſe up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the prieſt ſat upon a ſeat by a poſt of the temple of the Lord.

10 And ſhe was in bitterneſs of ſoul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept ſore.

11 And ſhe vowed a vow, and ſaid, O Lord of hoſts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man-child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there ſhall no razor come upon his head.

12 And it came to paſs as ſhe continued praying before the Lord, that Eli marked her mouth.

13 Now Hannah, ſhe ſpake in her heart, only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought ſhe had been drunken.

Provoked her ſore, ver. 6.] Not only upbraided her with her barrenneſs, but quarrelled with her, becauſe ſhe had a greater ſhare in her huſband's affection and kindneſs than herſelf.

14 And Eli ſaid unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

15 And Hannah anſwered and ſaid, No, my lord, I am a woman of a ſorrowful ſpirit: I have drunk neither wine nor ſtrong drink, but have poured out my ſoul before the Lord.

16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I ſpoken hitherto.

17 Then Eli anſwered and ſaid, Go in peace: and the God of Iſrael grant thee thy petition that thou haſt aſked of him.

18 And ſhe ſaid, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy ſight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more ſad.

19 ¶ And they roſe up in the morning early, and worſhipped before the Lord, and returned, and came to their houſe to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her.

20 Wherefore it came to paſs, when the time was come about, after Hannah had conceived, that ſhe bare a ſon, and called his name Samuel, ſaying, Becauſe I have aſked him of the Lord.

21 And the man Elkanah, and all his houſe, went up to offer unto the Lord the yearly ſacrifice, and his vow.

22 But Hannah went not up: for ſhe ſaid unto her huſband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the Lord, and there abide for ever.

23 And Elkanah her huſband ſaid unto her, Do what ſeemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the Lord eſtabliſh his word. So the woman abode, and gave her ſon ſuck until ſhe weaned him.

24 ¶ And when ſhe had weaned him, ſhe took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the houſe of the Lord in Shiloh. And the child was young.

25 And they ſlew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

26 And ſhe ſaid, O my lord, as thy ſoul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that ſtood by thee here, praying unto the Lord.

27 For this child I prayed: and the Lord hath given me my petition which I aſked of him.

28 Therefore alſo I have lent him to the Lord as long as he liveth; he ſhall be lent to the Lord. And he worſhipped the Lord there.

CHAP. II.

Hannah's ſong, &c.

AND Hannah prayed and ſaid, My heart rejoiceth in the Lord, mine horn is exalted in the Lord: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies: becauſe I rejoice in thy ſalvation.

2 There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beſide thee; neither is there any rock like our God.

3 Talk no more ſo exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your

Her countenance was no more ſad, ver. 18.] Being aſſured by God's Spirit, that both her own and Eli's prayer for her were heard.

mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

4 The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that ſtumbled are girded with ſtrength.

5 They that were full have hired out themſelves for bread: and they that were hungry ceaſed: ſo that the barren hath borne ſeven: and ſhe that hath many children is waxed feeble.

6 The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

7 The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

8 He raiſeth up the poor out of the duſt, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghil, to ſet them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath ſet the world upon them.

9 He will keep the feet of his ſaints, and the wicked ſhall be ſilent in darkneſs: for by ſtrength ſhall no man prevail.

10 The adverſaries of the Lord ſhall be broken to pieces: out of heaven ſhall he thunder upon them: the Lord ſhall judge the ends of the earth; and he ſhall give ſtrength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his houſe: and the child did miniſter unto the Lord before Eli the prieſt.

12 ¶ Now the ſons of Eli were ſons of Belial; they knew not the Lord.

13 And the prieſt's cuſtom with the people was, that when any man offered ſacrifice, the prieſt's ſervant came, while the fleſh was in ſeething, with a fleſh-hook of three teeth in his hand:

14 And he ſtruck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot: all that the fleſh-hook brought up, the prieſt took for himſelf. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Iſraelites that came thither.

15 Alſo, before they burned the fat, the prieſt's ſervant came and ſaid to the man that ſacrificed, Give fleſh to roaſt for the prieſt: for he will not have ſodden fleſh of thee, but raw.

16 And if any man ſaid unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat preſently, and then take as much as thy ſoul deſireth; then he would anſwer him, Nay; but thou ſhalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force.

17 Wherefore the ſin of the young men was very great before the Lord: for men abhorred the offering of the Lord.

18 ¶ But Samuel miniſtered before the Lord, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

19 Moreover, his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year when ſhe came up with her huſband to offer the yearly ſacrifice.

20 And Eli bleſſed Elkanah and his wife, and ſaid, The Lord give thee ſeed of this woman, for the loan which is lent to the Lord. And they went unto their own home.

21 And the Lord viſited Hannah, ſo that ſhe conceived and bare three ſons

By him actions are weighed, ver. 3.] He giveth to every one according to their works; and therefore he has pitied my oppreſſed innocency, and rebuked her arrogance.

and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the Lord.

22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his ſons did unto all Iſrael; and how they lay with the women that aſſembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

23 And he ſaid unto them, Why do ye ſuch things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.

24 Nay, my ſons: for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the Lord's people to tranſgreſs.

25 If one man ſin againſt another, the judge ſhall judge him: but if a man ſin againſt the Lord, who ſhall intreat for him? notwithſtanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, becauſe the Lord would ſlay them.

26 And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the Lord and alſo with men.

27 ¶ And there came a man of God unto Eli, and ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith the Lord, Did I plainly appear unto the houſe of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's houſe?

28 And did I chooſe him out of all the tribes of Iſrael to be my prieſt, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incenſe, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the houſe of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Iſrael?

29 Wherefore kick ye at my ſacrifice, and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation, and honoureſt thy ſons above me, to make yourſelves fat with the chiefeſt of all the offerings of Iſrael my people?

30 Wherefore the Lord God of Iſrael ſaith, I ſaid indeed that thy houſe, and the houſe of thy father, ſhould walk before me for ever; but now the Lord ſaith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that deſpiſe me ſhall be lightly eſteemed.

31 Behold, the days come that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's houſe, that there ſhall not be an old man in thine houſe.

32 And thou ſhalt ſee an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God ſhall give Iſrael: and there ſhall not be an old man in thine houſe for ever.

33 And the man of thine whom I ſhall not cut off from mine altar, ſhall be to conſume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increaſe of thine houſe ſhall die in the flower of their age.

34 And this ſhall be a ſign unto thee that ſhall come upon thy two ſons, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they ſhall die both of them.

35 And I will raiſe me up a faithful prieſt, that ſhall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a ſure houſe; and he ſhall walk before mine Anointed for ever.

36 And it ſhall come to paſs, that every one that is left in thine houſe ſhall come and crouch to him for a piece of ſilver and a morſel of bread, and ſhall ſay, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the prieſt's offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

Wherefore kick ye, &c. ver. 29.] Behave yourſelves contemptibly towards me, as if what I appointed was not good enough for you; and therefore you will be your own carvers.

CHAP. III.

How the word of the Lord was firſt revealed to Samuel, &c.

AND the child Samuel miniſtered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in thoſe days; there was no open viſion.

2 And it came to paſs at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not ſee;

3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to ſleep,

4 That the Lord called Samuel. And he anſwered, Here am I.

5 And he ran unto Eli, and ſaid, Here am I: for thou calledſt me. And he ſaid, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

6 And the Lord called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel aroſe, and went to Eli, and ſaid, Here am I; for thou didſt call me. And he anſwered, I called not, my ſon; lie down again.

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, neither was the word of the Lord yet revealed unto him.

8 And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he aroſe, and went to Eli, and ſaid, Here am I; for thou didſt call me. And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child.

9 Therefore Eli ſaid unto Samuel, Go, lie down; and it ſhall be, if he call thee, that thou ſhalt ſay, Speak, Lord; for thy ſervant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 And the Lord came, and ſtood and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel anſwered, Speak; for thy ſervant heareth.

11 ¶ And the Lord ſaid to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Iſrael, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it ſhall tingle.

12 In that day I will perform againſt Eli all things which I have ſpoken concerning his houſe: when I begin, I will alſo make an end.

13 For I have told him, that I will judge his houſe for ever, for the iniquity which he knoweth: becauſe his ſons made themſelves vile, and he reſtrained them not.

14 And therefore I have ſworn unto the houſe of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's houſe ſhall not be purged with ſacrifice nor offering for ever.

15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the houſe of the Lord. And Samuel feared to ſhew Eli the viſion.

16 Then Eli called Samuel and ſaid, Samuel, my ſon. And he anſwered, Here am I.

17 And he ſaid, What is the thing that the Lord hath ſaid unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do ſo to thee, and more alſo, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he ſaid unto thee.

18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he ſaid, It is the Lord: let him do what ſeemeth him good.

No open viſion, ver. 1.] Though ſome might have particular revelations for their own private directions, yet there was ſcarcely any public prophet to whom the people might reſort for information.

19 And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

20 And all Iſrael, from Dan even to Beer-ſheba, knew that Samuel was eſtabliſhed to be a prophet of the Lord.

21 And the Lord appeared again in Shiloh: for the Lord revealed himſelf to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

CHAP. IV.

The Iſraelites are overcome by the Philiſtines; the ark is taken, &c.

AND the word of Samuel came to all Iſrael. Now Iſrael went out againſt the Philiſtines to battle, and pitched beſide Eben-ezer: and the Philiſtines pitched in Aphek.

2 And the Philiſtines put themſelves in array againſt Iſrael: and when they joined battle, Iſrael was ſmitten before the Philiſtines: and they ſlew of the army in the field about four thouſand men.

3 And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Iſrael ſaid, Wherefore hath the Lord ſmitten us to-day before the Philiſtines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of Shiloh unto us, that when it cometh among us, it may ſave us out of the hand of our enemies.

4 So the people ſent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the Lord of hoſts, which dwelleth between the cherubims: and the two ſons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

5 And when the ark of the covenant of the Lord came into the camp, all Iſrael ſhouted with a great ſhout, ſo that the earth rang again.

6 And when the Philiſtines heard the noiſe of the ſhout, they ſaid, What meaneth the noiſe of this great ſhout in the camp of the Hebrews? and they underſtood that the ark of the Lord was come into the camp.

7 And the Philiſtines were afraid: for they ſaid, God is come into the camp. And they ſaid, Woe unto us! for there hath not been ſuch a thing heretofore.

8 Woe unto us! who ſhall deliver us out of the hand of theſe mighty Gods? theſe are the Gods that ſmote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderneſs.

9 Be ſtrong, and quit yourſelves like men, O ye Philiſtines, that ye be not ſervants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourſelves like men, and fight.

10 ¶ And the Philiſtines fought, and Iſrael was ſmitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great ſlaughter; for there fell of Iſrael thirty thouſand footmen.

11 And the ark of God was taken: and the two ſons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were ſlain.

12 ¶ And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the ſame day, with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head.

Smote the Egyptians, ver. 8.] When he brought them into the wilderneſs through the Red-ſea, where, after all their former plagues, the Egyptians were drowned.

13 And when he came, lo, Eli ſat upon a ſeat by the way-ſide watching; for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city and told it, all the city cried out.

14 And when Eli heard the noiſe of the crying, he ſaid, What meaneth the noiſe of this tumult? And the man came in haſtily, and told Eli.

15 Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not ſee.

16 And the man ſaid unto Eli, I am he that came out of the army, and I fled to-day out of the army. And he ſaid, What is there done, my ſon?

17 And the meſſenger anſwered and ſaid, Iſrael is fled before the Philiſtines, and there hath been alſo a great ſlaughter among the people, and thy two ſons alſo, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.

18 And it came to paſs, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the ſeat backward by the ſide of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died, for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Iſrael forty years.

19 And his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was with child near to be delivered: and when ſhe heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father-in-law, and her huſband, were dead, ſhe bowed herſelf and travailed; for her pains came upon her.

20 And about the time of her death, the women that ſtood by her, ſaid unto her, Fear not; for thou haſt borne a ſon. But ſhe anſwered not, neither did ſhe regard it.

21 And ſhe named the child I-chabod, ſaying, The glory is departed from Iſrael. Becauſe the ark of God was taken, and becauſe of her father-in-law, and her huſband.

22 And ſhe ſaid, The glory is departed from Iſrael: for the ark of God is taken.

CHAP. V.

The Philiſtines bring the ark into the houſe of Dagon, &c.

AND the Philiſtines took the ark of God, and brought it from Eben-ezer unto Aſhdod.

2 When the Philiſtines took the ark of God, they brought it into the houſe of Dagon, and ſet it by Dagon.

3 ¶ And when they of Aſhdod aroſe early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the Lord. And they took Dagon, and ſet him in his place again.

4 And when they aroſe early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the Lord: and the head of Dagon, and both the palms of his hands, were cut off upon the threſhold; only the ſtump of Dagon was left to him.

5 Therefore neither the prieſts of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's houſe, tread on the threſhold of Dagon in Aſhdod unto this day.

Trembled for the ark of God, ver. 13.] Leſt it ſhould be taken, and abuſed, by the Philiſtines, and God's people deprived of the comfort of it.

6 ¶ But the hand of the Lord was heavy upon them of Aſhdod, and he deſtroyed them, and ſmote them with emerods, even Aſhdod and the coaſts thereof.

7 And when the men of Aſhdod ſaw that it was ſo, they ſaid, The ark of the God of Iſrael ſhall not abide with us: for his hand is ſore upon us, and upon Dagon our god.

8 They ſent, therefore, and gathered all the lords of the Philiſtines unto them, and ſaid, What ſhall we do with the ark of the God of Iſrael? And they anſwered, Let the ark of the God of Iſrael be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Iſrael about thither.

9 ¶ And it was ſo, that after they had carried it about, the hand of the Lord was againſt the city with a very great deſtruction: and he ſmote the men of the city both ſmall and great, and they had emerods in their ſecret parts.

10 Therefore they ſent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to paſs, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, ſaying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Iſrael to us, to ſlay us and our people.

11 So they ſent and gathered together all the lords of the Philiſtines, and ſaid, Send away the ark of the God of Iſrael, and let it go again to his own place, that it ſlay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly deſtruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

12 ¶ And the men that died not, were ſmitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

CHAP. VI.

The Philiſtines counſel how to ſend back the ark, &c.

AND the ark of the Lord was in the country of the Philiſtines ſeven months.

2 And the Philiſtines called for the prieſts and the diviners, ſaying, What ſhall we do to the ark of the Lord? tell us wherewith we ſhall ſend it to his place.

3 And they ſaid, If ye ſend away the ark of the God of Iſrael, ſend it not empty; but in any wiſe return him a treſpaſs-offering: then ye ſhall be healed, and it ſhall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you.

4 Then ſaid they, What ſhall be the treſpaſs-offering which we ſhall return to him? They anſwered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philiſtines: for one plague was on you all, and on your lords.

5 Wherefore ye ſhall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye ſhall give glory unto the God of Iſrael: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them,

Five golden emerods, &c. ver. 4.] This was magical advice; yet hereby a viſible memorial of this ignominious puniſhment was preſerved among the people of God.

did they not let the people go, and they departed?

7 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch-kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:

8 And take the ark of the Lord, and lay it upon the cart: and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a treſpaſs-offering, in a coffer by the ſide thereof; and ſend it away, that it may go.

9 And ſee, if it goeth up by the way of his own coaſt to Beth-ſhemeſh, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we ſhall know that it is not his hand that ſmote us; it was a chance that happened to us.

10 ¶ And the men did ſo; and took two milch-kine, and tied them to the cart, and ſhut up their calves at home:

11 And they laid the ark of the Lord upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold, and the images of their emerods.

12 And the kine took the ſtraight way to the way of Beth-ſhemeſh, and went along the high-way, lowing as they went, and turned not aſide to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philiſtines went after them unto the border of Beth-ſhemeſh.

13 And they of Beth-ſhemeſh were reaping their wheat-harveſt in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and ſaw the ark, and rejoiced to ſee it.

14 And the cart came into the field of Joſhua a Beth-ſhemite, and ſtood there, where there was a great ſtone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt-offering unto the Lord.

15 And the Levites took down the ark of the Lord, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great ſtone: and the men of Beth-ſhemeſh offered burnt-offerings, and ſacrificed ſacrifices the ſame day unto the Lord.

16 And when the five lords of the Philiſtines had ſeen it, they returned to Ekron the ſame day.

17 And theſe are the golden emerods which the Philiſtines returned for a treſpaſs-offering unto the Lord; for Aſhdod one, for Gaza one, for Aſkelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one:

18 And the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philiſtines belonging to the five lords, both of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the great ſtone of Abel, whereon they ſet down the ark of the Lord: which ſtone remaineth unto this day in the field of Joſhua the Beth-ſhemite.

19 ¶ And he ſmote the men of Beth-ſhemeſh, becauſe they had looked into the ark of the Lord, even he ſmote of the people fifty thouſand and three-ſcore and ten men. And the people lamented, becauſe the Lord had ſmitten many of the people with a great ſlaughter.

20 And the men of Beth-ſhemeſh ſaid, Who is able to ſtand before this holy Lord God? and to whom ſhall he go up from us?

To Beth-ſhemeſh, ver. 9.] Which was the way to Shiloh, and a city belonging to the Prieſts, who might take care of the ark.

21 And they ſent meſſengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim, ſaying, The Philiſtines have brought again the ark of the Lord; come ye down, and fetch it up to you.

CHAP. VII.

The Iſraelites, by Samuel's means, ſolemnly repent at Mizpeh, &c.

AND the men of Kirjath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of the Lord, and brought it into the houſe of Abinadab in the hill, and ſanctified Eleazar his ſon, to keep the ark of the Lord.

2 And it came to paſs while the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the houſe of Iſrael lamented after the Lord.

3 ¶ And Samuel ſpake unto all the houſe of Iſrael, ſaying, If ye do return unto the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the ſtrange gods and Aſhtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and ſerve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philiſtines.

4 Then the children of Iſrael did put away Baalim and Aſhtaroth, and ſerved the Lord only.

5 And Samuel ſaid, Gather all Iſrael to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the Lord.

6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the Lord, and faſted on that day, and ſaid there, We have ſinned againſt the Lord. And Samuel judged the children of Iſrael in Mizpeh.

7 And when the Philiſtines heard that the children of Iſrael were gathered together, to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philiſtines went up againſt Iſrael. And when the children of Iſrael heard it, they were afraid of the Philiſtines.

8 And the children of Iſrael ſaid to Samuel, Ceaſe not to cry unto the Lord our God for us, that he will ſave us out of the hand of the Philiſtines.

9 ¶ And Samuel took a ſucking-lamb, and offered it for a burnt-offering wholly unto the Lord. And Samuel cried unto the Lord for Iſrael; and the Lord heard him.

10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt-offering, the Philiſtines drew near to battle againſt Iſrael: but the Lord thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philiſtines, and diſcomfited them, and they were ſmitten before Iſrael.

11 And the men of Iſrael went out of Mizpeh, and purſued the Philiſtines, and ſmote them, until they came under Beth-car.

12 Then Samuel took a ſtone, and ſet it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-ezer, ſaying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

13 So the Philiſtines were ſubdued, and they came no more into the coaſt of Iſrael. And the hand of the Lord was againſt the Philiſtines all the days of Samuel.

14 And the cities which the Philiſtines had taken from Iſrael were reſtored to Iſrael, from Ekron even unto Gath, and the coaſts thereof did Iſrael deliver out of the hands of the Philiſtines. And there was peace between Iſrael and the Amorites.

15 And Samuel judged Iſrael all the days of his life.

16 And he went from year to year in circuit to Beth-el, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Iſrael in all thoſe places.

17 And his return was to Ramah: for there was his houſe: and there he judged Iſrael: and there he built an altar unto the Lord.

CHAP. VIII.

By the occaſion of the ill government of Samuel's ſons, the Iſraelites aſk a king.

AND it came to paſs when Samuel was old, that he made his ſons judges over Iſrael.

2 Now the name of his firſt-born was Joel; and the name of his ſecond Abiah; they were judges in Beer-ſheba.

3 And his ſons walked not in his ways; but turned aſide after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgement.

4 Then all the elders of Iſrael gathered themſelves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah;

5 And ſaid unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy ſons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us, like all the nations.

6 But the thing diſpleaſed Samuel, when they ſaid, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord.

7 And the Lord ſaid unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they ſay unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I ſhould not reign over them.

8 According to all the works which they have done ſince the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forſaken me, and ſerved other gods; ſo do they alſo unto thee.

9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit, yet proteſt ſolemnly unto them, and ſhew them the manner of the king that ſhall reign over them.

10 ¶ And Samuel told all the words of the Lord unto the people that aſked of him a king.

11 And he ſaid, This will be the manner of the king that ſhall reign over you: he will take your ſons, and appoint them for himſelf, for his chariots, and to be his horſemen: and ſome ſhall run before his chariots.

12 And he will appoint him captains over thouſands, and captains over fifties: and will ſet them to ear his ground, and to reap his harveſt, and to make his inſtruments of war, and inſtruments of his chariots.

13 And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers.

14 And he will take your fields, and your vine-yards, and your olive-

The thing diſpleaſed Samuel, ver. 6.] Becauſe they hereby ſhewed that they were weary of God's government, and diſtruſtful of his protection.

yards, even the beſt of them, and give them to his ſervants.

15 And he will take the tenth of your ſeed, and of your vine-yards, and give to his officers, and to his ſervants.

16 And he will take your men-ſervants, and your maid-ſervants, and your goodlieſt young men, and your aſſes, and put them to his work.

17 He will take the tenth of your ſheep: and ye ſhall be his ſervants.

18 And ye ſhall cry out in that day becauſe of your king which ye ſhall have choſen you: and the Lord will not hear you in that day.

19 Nevertheleſs, the people refuſed to obey the voice of Samuel; and they ſaid, Nay; but we will have a king over us;

20 That we alſo may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearſed them in the ears of the Lord.

22 And the Lord ſaid to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel ſaid unto the men of Iſrael, Go ye every man unto his city.

CHAP. IX.

Saul ſeeketh his father's aſſes, &c.

NOW there was a man of Benjamin, whoſe name was Kiſh, the ſon of Abiel, the ſon of Zeror, the ſon of Bechorath, the ſon of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power.

2 And he had a ſon whoſe name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Iſrael a goodlier perſon than he: from his ſhoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.

3 And the aſſes of Kiſh, Saul's father, were loſt. And Kiſh ſaid to Saul his ſon, Take now one of the ſervants with thee, and ariſe, go ſeek the aſſes.

4 And he paſſed through mount Ephraim, and paſſed through the land of Shaliſha; but they found them not: then they paſſed through the land of Shalim; and there they were not: and he paſſed through the land of the Benjamites; but they found them not.

5 And when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul ſaid to his ſervant that was with him, Come, and let us return; leſt my father leave caring for the aſſes, and take thought for us.

6 ¶ And he ſaid unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honourable man: all that he ſaith cometh ſurely to paſs: now let us go thither; peradventure he can ſhew us our way that we ſhould go.

7 Then ſaid Saul to his ſervant, But behold, if we go, what ſhall we bring the man? for the bread is ſpent in our veſſels, and there is not a preſent to bring to the man of God: what have we?

8 And the ſervant anſwered Saul again, and ſaid, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a ſhekel of ſilver: that will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.

Ye ſhall be his ſervants, ver. 17.] You ſhall loſe the liberty and privilege of free-born Iſraelites, and live in a ſervile and ſlaviſh condition.

9 (Before-time in Iſrael, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he ſpake, Come, and let us go to the ſeer: for he that is now called a Prophet, was before-time called a Seer.)

10 Then ſaid Saul to his ſervant, Well ſaid; come, let us go: ſo they went unto the city where the man of God was.

11 ¶ And as they went up the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and ſaid unto them, Is the ſeer here?

12 And they anſwered them, and ſaid, He is; behold, he is before you: make haſte now: for he came to-day to the city; for there is a ſacrifice of the people to-day in the high-place.

13 As ſoon as ye be come into the city, ye ſhall ſtraightway find him, before he go up to the high-place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, becauſe he doth bleſs the ſacrifice; and afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get ye up; for about this time ye ſhall find him.

14 And they went up into the city: and when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out againſt them for to go up to the high-place.

15 ¶ Now the Lord had told Samuel, in his ear, a day before Saul came, ſaying,

16 To-morrow about this time I will ſend thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou ſhalt anoint him to be captain over my people Iſrael, that he may ſave my people out of the hand of the Philiſtines: for I have looked upon my people, becauſe their cry is come unto me.

17 And when Samuel ſaw Saul, the Lord ſaid unto him, Behold, the man whom I ſpake to thee of: this ſame ſhall reign over my people.

18 ¶ Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and ſaid, Tell me, I pray thee, where the ſeer's houſe is.

19 ¶ And Samuel anſwered Saul, and ſaid, I am the ſeer: go up before me unto the high-place; for ye ſhall eat with me to-day: and to-morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thine heart.

20 And as for thine aſſes that were loſt three days ago, ſet not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom is all the deſire of Iſrael? is it not on thee, and on all thy father's houſe?

21 And Saul anſwered and ſaid, Am not I a Benjamite, of the ſmalleſt of the tribes of Iſrael? and my family the leaſt of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then ſpeakeſt thou ſo to me?

22 And Samuel took Saul, and his ſervant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them ſit in the chiefeſt place, among them that were bidden, which were about thirty perſons.

23 And Samuel ſaid unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I ſaid unto thee, Set it by thee.

24 And the cook took up the ſhoulder, and that which was upon it, and ſet it before Saul. And Samuel ſaid, Behold, that which is left; ſet it before thee, and eat: for unto this time hath

On whom is all the deſire of Iſrael? ver. 20.] The royal dignity, ſo much deſired by the people, muſt be conferred on thee.

it been kept for thee, ſince I ſaid, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

25 And when they were come down from the high-place into the city, Samuel communed with Saul upon the top of the houſe.

26 And they aroſe early: and it came to paſs about the ſpring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the houſe, ſaying, Up, that I may ſend thee away. And Saul aroſe, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad.

27 And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel ſaid to Saul, Bid the ſervant paſs on before us, (and he paſſed on) but ſtand thou ſtill a while, that I may ſhew thee the word of God.

CHAP. X.

Samuel anointeth Saul, &c.

THEN Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kiſſed him, and ſaid, Is it not becauſe the Lord hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?

2 ¶ When thou art departed from me to-day, then thou ſhalt find two men by Rachel's ſepulchre, in the border of Benjamin, at Zelzah; and they will ſay unto thee, The aſſes which thou wenteſt to ſeek are found: and lo, thy father hath left the care of the aſſes, and ſorroweth for you, ſaying, What ſhall I do for my ſon?

3 Then ſhalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou ſhalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there ſhall meet thee three men going up to God to Beth-el, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine.

4 And they will ſalute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread; which thou ſhalt receive of their hands.

5 After that thou ſhalt come to the hill of God, where is the garriſon of the Philiſtines: and it ſhall come to paſs when thou art come hither to the city, that thou ſhalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high-place, with a pſaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp before them; and they ſhall propheſy.

6 And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou ſhalt propheſy with them, and ſhalt be turned into another man.

7 And let it be when theſe ſigns are come unto thee, that thou do as occaſion ſerve thee; for God is with thee.

8 And thou ſhalt go down before me to Gilgal, and behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt-offerings, and to ſacrifice ſacrifices of peace-offerings: ſeven days ſhalt thou tarry till I come to thee, and ſhew thee what thou ſhalt do.

9 ¶ And it was ſo, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all thoſe ſigns came to paſs that day.

10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came

upon him, and he propheſied among them.

11 And it came to paſs when all that knew him before-time ſaw, that behold he propheſied among the prophets, then the people ſaid one to another, What is this that is come unto the ſon of Kiſh? is Saul alſo among the prophets?

12 And one of the ſame place anſwered, and ſaid, But who is their father? therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul alſo among the prophets?

13 And when he had made an end of propheſying, he came to the high-place.

14 And Saul's uncle ſaid unto him, and to his ſervant, Whither went ye? and he ſaid, To ſeek the aſſes: and when we ſaw that they were no where, we came to Samuel.

15 And Saul's uncle ſaid, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel ſaid unto you.

16 And Saul ſaid unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the aſſes were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel ſpake, he told him not.

17 And Samuel called the people together unto the Lord to Mizpeh;

18 And ſaid unto the children of Iſrael, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſrael, I brought up Iſrael out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppreſſed you:

19 And ye have this day rejected your God, who himſelf ſaved you out of all your adverſities and your tribulations: and ye have ſaid unto him, Nay, but ſet a king over us. Now therefore preſent yourſelves before the Lord by your tribes, and by your thouſands.

20 And when Samuel had cauſed all the tribes of Iſrael to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

21 When he had cauſed the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the ſon of Kiſh was taken: and when they ſought him he could not be found.

22 Therefore they enquired of the Lord further, if the man ſhould yet come thither: and the Lord anſwered, Behold, he hath hid himſelf among the ſtuff.

23 And they ran and fetched him thence. And when he ſtood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his ſhoulders and upward.

24 And Samuel ſaid to all the people, See ye him whom the Lord hath choſen, that there is none like him among all the people? and all the people ſhouted, and ſaid, God ſave the king.

25 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the Lord. And Samuel ſent all the people away, every man to his houſe.

26 And Saul alſo went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whoſe hearts God had touched.

27 But the children of Belial ſaid, How ſhall this man ſave us? and they

Hid himſelf, ver. 22.] Out of modeſty, as judging himſelf unfit for ſo great an undertaking; eſpecially in ſuch perilous times.

deſpiſed him, and brought him no preſents. But he held his peace.

CHAP. XI.

Nahaſh offereth them of Jabeſh-gilead a reproachful condition, &c.

THEN Nahaſh the Ammonite came up, and encamped againſt Jabeſh-gilead: and all the men of Jabeſh ſaid unto Nahaſh, Make a covenant with us, and we will ſerve thee.

2 And Nahaſh the Ammonite anſwered them, On this condition will I make a covenant with you, that I may thruſt out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproach upon all Iſrael.

3 And the elders of Jabeſh ſaid unto him, Give us ſeven days reſpite, that we may ſend meſſengers unto all the coaſts of Iſrael: and then, if there be no man to ſave us, we will come out to thee.

4 ¶ Then came the meſſengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voices and wept.

5 And behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field, and Saul ſaid, What aileth the people that they weep? and they told him the tidings of the men of Jabeſh.

6 And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard thoſe tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and ſent them throughout all the coaſts of Iſrael by the hands of meſſengers, ſaying, Whoſoever cometh not forth after Saul, and after Samuel, ſo ſhall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the Lord fell on the people, and they came out with one conſent.

8 And when he numbered them in Bezek, the children of Iſrael were three hundred thouſand, and the men of Judah thirty thouſand.

9 And they ſaid unto the meſſengers that came, Thus ſhall ye ſay unto the men of Jabeſh-gilead, To-morrow by that time the ſun be hot, ye ſhall have help. And the meſſengers came and ſhewed it to the men of Jabeſh; and they were glad.

10 Therefore the men of Jabeſh ſaid, To-morrow we will come out unto you, and ye ſhall do with us all that ſeemeth good unto you.

11 And it was ſo on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies, and they came into the midſt of the hoſt in the morning-watch, and ſlew the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to paſs, that they which remained were ſcattered, ſo that two of them were not left together.

12 ¶ And the people ſaid unto Samuel, Who is he that ſaid, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death.

13 And Saul ſaid, There ſhall not a man be put to death this day: for to-day the Lord hath wrought ſalvation in Iſrael.

14 Then ſaid Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal and renew the kingdom there.

15 And all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king be-

Saul came after the herd, ver. 5.] After his election, he retires again to his private capacity, till ſome fit opportunity offered itſelf for him to aſſume the throne and royal dignity.

fore the Lord in Gilgal: and there they ſacrificed ſacrifices of peace-offerings before the Lord: and there Saul and all the men of Iſrael rejoiced greatly.

CHAP. XII.

Samuel teſtifieth his integrity.

AND Samuel ſaid unto all Iſrael, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye ſaid unto me, and have made a king over you.

2 And now behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old, and gray-headed; and behold, my ſons are with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day.

3 Behold, here I am: witneſs againſt me before the Lord, and before his anointed; whoſe ox have I taken; or whoſe aſs have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppreſſed? or of whoſe hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will reſtore it you.

4 And they ſaid, Thou haſt not defrauded us nor oppreſſed us, neither haſt thou taken aught of any man's hand.

5 And he ſaid unto them, The Lord is witneſs againſt you, and his anointed is witneſs this day, that ye have not found aught in my hand. And they anſwered, He is witneſs.

6 ¶ And Samuel ſaid unto the people, It is the Lord that advanced Moſes and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.

7 Now therefore ſtand ſtill, that I may reaſon with you before the Lord of all the righteous acts of the Lord which he did to you and to your fathers.

8 When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the Lord, then the Lord ſent Moſes and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.

9 And when they forgat the Lord their God, he ſold them into the hand of Siſera captain of the hoſt of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philiſtines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought againſt them.

10 And they cried unto the Lord, and ſaid, We have ſinned, becauſe we have forſaken the Lord, and have ſerved Baalim and Aſhtaroth; but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and and we will ſerve thee.

11 And the Lord ſent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every ſide, and ye dwelled ſafe.

12 And when ye ſaw that Nahaſh the king of the children of Ammon came againſt you, ye ſaid unto me, Nay; but a king ſhall reign over us; when the Lord your God was your king.

13 Now therefore, behold the king whom ye have choſen, and whom ye have deſired: and behold, the Lord hath ſet a king over you.

14 If ye will fear the Lord, and ſerve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel againſt the commandment of the Lord, then ſhall both ye, and alſo the

king that reigneth over you, continue following the Lord your God.

15 But if ye will not obey the voice of the Lord, but rebel againſt the commandment of the Lord, then ſhall the hand of the Lord be againſt you, as it was againſt your fathers.

16 ¶ Now therefore ſtand and ſee this great thing which the Lord will do before your eyes.

17 Is it not wheat-harveſt to-day? I will call unto the Lord, and he ſhall ſend thunder and rain: that ye may perceive and ſee that your wickedneſs is great which ye have done in the ſight of the Lord in aſking you a king.

18 So Samuel called unto the Lord, and the Lord ſent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel.

19 And all the people ſaid unto Samuel, Pray for thy ſervants unto the Lord thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our ſins this evil, to aſk us a king.

20 And Samuel ſaid unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedneſs: yet turn not aſide from following the Lord, but ſerve the Lord with all your heart;

21 And turn ye not aſide: for then ſhould ye go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain.

22 For the Lord will not forſake his people, for his great name's ſake: becauſe it hath pleaſed the Lord to make you his people.

23 Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I ſhould ſin againſt the Lord, in ceaſing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way.

24 Only fear the Lord, and ſerve him in truth with all your heart: for conſider how great things he hath done for you.

25 But if ye ſhall ſtill do wickedly, ye ſhall be conſumed, both ye and your king.

CHAP. XIII.

Saul's ſelected band, &c.

SAUL reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Iſrael,

2 Saul choſe him three thouſand men of Iſrael; whereof two thouſand were with Saul in Michmaſh, and in mount Beth-el, and a thouſand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the reſt of the people he ſent every man to his tent.

3 And Jonathan ſmote the garriſon of the Philiſtines that was in Geba; and the Philiſtines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, ſaying, Let the Hebrews hear.

4 And all Iſrael heard ſay that Saul had ſmitten a garriſon of the Philiſtines, and that Iſrael alſo was had in abomination with the Philiſtines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.

5 ¶ And the Philiſtines gathered themſelves together to fight with Iſrael, thirty thouſand chariots, and ſix thouſand horſemen, and people as the ſand which is on the ſea-ſhore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched

in Michmaſh, eaſt-ward from Beth-aven.

6 When the men of Iſrael ſaw that they were in a ſtrait, for the people were diſtreſſed, then the people did hide themſelves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.

7 And ſome of the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

8 ¶ And he tarried ſeven days, according to the ſet time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were ſcattered from him.

9 And Saul ſaid, Bring hither a burnt-offering to me, and peace-offerings. And he offered the burnt-offering.

10 And it came to paſs, that as ſoon as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, behold, Samuel came: and Saul went out to meet him, that he might ſalute him.

11 ¶ And Samuel ſaid, What haſt thou done: And Saul ſaid, Becauſe I ſaw that the people were ſcattered from me, and that thou cameſt not within the days appointed, and that the Philiſtines gathered themſelves together at Michmaſh;

12 Therefore ſaid I, The Philiſtines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made ſupplication unto the Lord: I forced myſelf therefore, and offered a burnt-offering.

13 And Samuel ſaid to Saul, Thou haſt done fooliſhly: thou haſt not kept the commandment of the Lord thy God which he commanded thee: for now would the Lord have eſtabliſhed thy kingdom upon Iſrael for ever.

14 But now thy kingdom ſhall not continue: the Lord hath ſought him a man after his own heart, and the Lord hath commanded him to be captain over his people, becauſe thou haſt not kept that which the Lord commanded thee.

15 And Samuel aroſe, and gat him up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people that were preſent with him, about ſix hundred men.

16 And Saul and Jonathan his ſon, and the people that were preſent with them, abode in Gibeah of Benjamin: but the Philiſtines encamped in Michmaſh.

17 And the ſpoilers came out of the camp of the Philiſtines in three companies: one company turned unto the way that leadeth to Ophrah, unto the land of Shual:

18 And another company turned the way to Beth-horon: and another company turned to the way of the border that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderneſs.

19 Now there was no ſmith found throughout all the land of Iſrael; for the Philiſtines ſaid, Leſt the Hebrews make them ſwords or ſpears.

20 But all the Iſraelites went down to the Philiſtines to ſharpen every man his ſhare, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock.

21 Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to ſharpen the goads.

22 So it came to paſs in the day of battle, that there was neither ſword nor ſpear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his ſon was there found.

23 And the garriſon of the Philiſtines went out to the paſſage of Michmaſh.

CHAP. XIV.

Jonathan miraculouſly ſmiteth the Philiſtines' garriſon.

NOW it came to paſs upon a day, that Jonathan the ſon of Saul ſaid unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philiſtines' garriſon, that is on the other ſide. But he told not his father.

2 And Saul tarried in the uttermoſt part of Gibeah, under a pomegranate-tree which is in Migron: and the people that were with him were about ſix hundred men;

3 And Ahiah the ſon of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the ſon of Phinehas, the ſon of Eli, the Lord's prieſt in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

4 And between the paſſages, by which Jonathan ſought to go over unto the Philiſtines' garriſon, there was a ſharp rock on the one ſide, and a ſharp rock on the other ſide: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

5 The fore-front of the one was ſituate north-ward over-againſt Michmaſh, and the other ſouth-ward over-againſt Gibeah.

6 And Jonathan ſaid to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garriſon of theſe uncircumciſed: it may be that the Lord will work for us; for there is no reſtraint to the Lord, to ſave by many or by few.

7 And his armour-bearer ſaid unto him, Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart.

8 Then ſaid Jonathan, Behold, we will paſs over unto theſe men, and we will diſcover ourſelves unto them.

9 If they ſay thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will ſtand ſtill in our place, and will not go up unto them.

10 But if they ſay thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the Lord hath delivered them into our hand: and this ſhall be a ſign unto us.

11 And both of them diſcovered themſelves unto the garriſon of the Philiſtines: and the Philiſtines ſaid, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themſelves.

12 And the men of the garriſon anſwered Jonathan and his armour-bearer, and ſaid, Come up to us, and we will ſhew you a thing. And Jonathan ſaid unto his armour-bearer, Come

He told not his father, ver. 1.] This he was moved to do by the Spirit of God, leſt he ſhould diſſuade or hinder him from it.

up after me; for the Lord hath delivered them into the hand of Iſrael.

13 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armour-bearer after him. And they fell before Jonathan; and his armour-bearer ſlew after him.

14 And that firſt ſlaughter which Jonathan and his armour-bearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were an half-acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plough.

15 ¶ And there was trembling in the hoſt, in the field, and among all the people: the garriſon, and the ſpoilers, they alſo trembled; and the earth quaked: ſo it was a very great trembling.

16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down one another.

17 Then ſaid Saul unto the people that were with him, Number now, and ſee who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armour-bearer were not there.

18 And Saul ſaid unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Iſrael.

19 And it came to paſs while Saul talked unto the prieſt, that the noiſe that was in the hoſt of the Philiſtines went on and increaſed: and Saul ſaid unto the prieſt, Withdraw thine hand.

20 And Saul and all the people that were with him, aſſembled themſelves, and they came to the battle: and behold, every man's ſword was againſt his fellow, and there was a very great diſcomfiture.

21 Moreover, the Hebrews that were with the Philiſtines before that time, which went up with them into the camp from the country round about, even they alſo turned to be with the Iſraelites that were with Saul and Jonathan.

22 Likewiſe all the men of Iſrael which had hid themſelves in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philiſtines fled, even they alſo followed hard after them in the battle.

23 So the Lord ſaved Iſrael that day: and the battle paſſed over unto Beth-aven.

24 ¶ And the men of Iſrael were diſtreſſed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, ſaying, Curſed be the man that eateth any food until evening; that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people taſted any food.

25 And all they of the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground.

26 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.

27 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in an honey-comb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.

28 Then anſwered one of the people, and ſaid, Thy father ſtraitly charged

the people with an oath, ſaying, Curſed be the man that eateth any food this day. And the people were faint.

29 Then ſaid Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: ſee, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, becauſe I taſted a little of this honey:

30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to-day of the ſpoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater ſlaughter among the Philiſtines?

31 And they ſmote the Philiſtines that day from Michmaſh to Aijalon: and the people were very faint.

32 And the people flew upon the ſpoil, and took ſheep, and oxen, and calves, and ſlew them on the ground: and the people did eat them with the blood.

33 Then they told Saul, ſaying, Behold, the people ſin againſt the Lord, in that they eat with the blood. And he ſaid, ye have tranſgreſſed; roll a great ſtone unto me this day.

34 And Saul ſaid, Diſperſe yourſelves among the people, and ſay unto them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his ſheep, and ſlay them here, and eat; and ſin not againſt the Lord, in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and ſlew them there.

35 And Saul built an altar unto the Lord: the ſame was the firſt altar that he built unto the Lord.

36 And Saul ſaid, Let us go down after the Philiſtines by night, and ſpoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they ſaid, Do whatſoever ſeemeth good unto thee. Then ſaid the prieſt, Let us draw near hither unto God.

37 And Saul aſked counſel of God, Shall I go down after the Philiſtines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Iſrael? But he anſwered him not that day.

38 And Saul ſaid, Draw ye near hither all the chief of the people: and know and ſee wherein this ſin hath been this day.

39 For as the Lord liveth, which ſaveth Iſrael, though it be in Jonathan my ſon, he ſhall ſurely die. But there was not a man among all the people that anſwered him.

40 Then ſaid he unto all Iſrael, Be ye on one ſide, and I and Jonathan my ſon will be on the other ſide. And the people ſaid unto Saul, Do what ſeemeth good unto thee.

41 Therefore Saul ſaid unto the Lord God of Iſrael, Give a perfect lot. And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people eſcaped.

42 And Saul ſaid, Caſt lots between me and Jonathan my ſon. And Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul ſaid to Jonathan, Tell me what thou haſt done. And Jonathan told him and ſaid, I did but taſte a little honey with the end of the rod that was in mine hand, and lo, I muſt die.

44 And Saul anſwered, God do ſo, and more alſo: for thou ſhalt ſurely die, Jonathan.

45 And the people ſaid unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great ſalvation in Iſrael? God forbid: as the Lord liveth, there ſhall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people reſcued Jonathan that he died not.

46 Then Saul went up from following the Philiſtines; and the Philiſtines went to their own place.

47 So Saul took the kingdom over Iſrael, and fought againſt all his enemies on every ſide, againſt Moab, and againſt the children of Ammon, and againſt Edom, and againſt the kings of Zobah, and againſt the Philiſtines: and whitherſoever he turned himſelf, he vexed them.

48 And he gathered an hoſt, and ſmote the Amalekites, and delivered Iſrael out of the hands of them that ſpoiled them.

49 Now the ſons of Saul were Jonathan, and Iſhui, and Melchi-ſhua: and the names of his two daughters were theſe; the name of the firſt-born Merab, and the name of the younger Michal:

50 And the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of the captain of his hoſt was Abner the ſon of Ner, Saul's uncle.

51 And Kiſh was the father of Saul; and Ner, the father of Abner, was the ſon of Abiel.

52 And there was ſore war againſt the Philiſtines all the days of Saul: and when Saul ſaw any ſtrong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him.

CHAP. XV.

Samuel ſendeth Saul to deſtroy Amalek.

SAMUEL alſo ſaid unto Saul, The Lord ſent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Iſrael: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the Lord.

2 Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſts, I remember that which Amalek did to Iſrael, how he laid wait for him in the way when he came up from Egypt.

3 Now go, and ſmite Amalek, and utterly deſtroy all that they have, and ſpare them not; but ſlay both man and woman, infant and ſuckling, ox and ſheep, camel and aſs.

4 And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thouſand footmen, and ten thouſand men of Judah.

5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley.

6 And Saul ſaid unto the Kenites, Go, depart; get ye down from among the Amalekites, leſt I deſtroy you with them: for ye ſhewed kindneſs to all the children of Iſrael when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7 And Saul ſmote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comeſt to Shur, that is over againſt Egypt.

8 ¶ And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly deſtroyed all the people with the edge of the ſword.

For he hath wrought with God, ver. 45.] Been a means, through God's help, of obtaining a moſt glorious victory.

9 But Saul and the people ſpared Agag, and the beſt of the ſheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly deſtroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuſe, that they deſtroyed utterly.

10 Then came the word of the Lord unto Samuel, ſaying,

11 It repenteth me that I have ſet up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the Lord all night.

12 And when Samuel roſe early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, ſaying, Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he ſet him up a place, and is gone about, and paſſed on, and gone down to Gilgal.

13 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul ſaid unto him, Bleſſed be thou of the Lord: I have performed the commandment of the Lord.

14 And Samuel ſaid, What meaneth then this bleating of the ſheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

15 And Saul ſaid, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people ſpared the beſt of the ſheep, and of the oxen, to ſacrifice unto the Lord thy God, and the reſt we have utterly deſtroyed.

16 Then Samuel ſaid unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the Lord hath ſaid to me this night. And he ſaid unto him, Say on.

17 And Samuel ſaid, When thou waſt little in thine own ſight, waſt thou not made the head of the tribes of Iſrael, and the Lord anointed thee king over Iſrael?

18 And the Lord ſent thee on a journey, and ſaid; Go, and utterly deſtroy the ſinners the Amalekites, and fight againſt them until they be conſumed.

19 Wherefore then didſt thou not obey the voice of the Lord, but didſt fly upon the ſpoil, and didſt evil in the ſight of the Lord?

20 And Saul ſaid unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, and have gone the way which the Lord ſent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly deſtroyed the Amalekites.

21 But the people took of the ſpoil, ſheep and oxen, the chief of the things which ſhould have been utterly deſtroyed, to ſacrifice unto the Lord thy God in Gilgal.

22 And Samuel ſaid, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt-offerings and ſacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than ſacrifice; and to hearken, than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is as the ſin of witchcraft, and ſtubbornneſs is as iniquity and idolatry. Becauſe thou haſt rejected the word of the Lord, he hath alſo rejected thee from being king.

24 And Saul ſaid unto Samuel, I have ſinned: for I have tranſgreſſed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words; becauſe I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

Better than ſacrifice, ver. 22.] Becauſe obedience without ſacrifice is always acceptable, but not ſacrifice without obedience.

25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my ſin, and turn again with me, that I may worſhip the Lord.

26 And Samuel ſaid unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou haſt rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord hath rejected thee from being king over Iſrael.

27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the ſkirt of his mantle, and it rent.

28 And Samuel ſaid unto him, The Lord hath rent the kingdom of Iſrael from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine that is better than thou.

29 And alſo the Strength of Iſrael will not lie, nor repent: for he is not a man, that he ſhould repent.

30 Then he ſaid, I have ſinned; yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Iſrael, and turn again with me, that I may worſhip the Lord thy God.

31 So Samuel turned again after Saul: and Saul worſhipped the Lord.

32 ¶ Then ſaid Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag ſaid, Surely the bitterneſs of death is paſt.

33 And Samuel ſaid, As thy ſword hath made women childleſs, ſo ſhall thy mother be childleſs among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal.

34 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his houſe to Gibeah of Saul.

35 And Samuel came no more to ſee Saul until the day of his death: nevertheleſs Samuel mourned for Saul: and the Lord repented that he had made Saul king over Iſrael.

CHAP. XVI.

Samuel, ſent by God under pretence of a ſacrifice, cometh to Beth-lehem.

AND the Lord ſaid unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, ſeeing I have rejected him from reigning over Iſrael? fill thine horn with oil, and go; I will ſend thee to Jeſſe the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his ſons.

2 And Samuel ſaid, How can I go? If Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the Lord ſaid, Take an heifer with thee, and ſay, I am come to ſacrifice to the Lord.

3 And call Jeſſe to the ſacrifice, and I will ſhew thee what thou ſhalt do: and thou ſhalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.

4 And Samuel did that which the Lord ſpake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and ſaid, Comeſt thou peaceably?

5 And he ſaid, Peaceably: I am come to ſacrifice unto the Lord: ſanctify yourſelves, and come with me to the ſacrifice. And he ſanctified Jeſſe and his ſons, and called them to the ſacrifice.

6 ¶ And it came to paſs when they were come, that he looked on Eliab,

Strength of Iſrael, ver. 29.] He who is able to bring to paſs all his purpoſes, and make good all his words.

and ſaid, Surely the Lord's anointed is before him.

7 But the Lord ſaid unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his ſtature; becauſe I have refuſed him. For the Lord ſeeth not as man ſeeth: for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

8 Then Jeſſe called Abinadab, and made him paſs before Samuel. And he ſaid, Neither hath the Lord choſen this.

9 Then Jeſſe made Shammah to paſs by. And he ſaid, Neither hath the Lord choſen this.

10 Again, Jeſſe made ſeven of his ſons to paſs before Samuel. And Samuel ſaid unto Jeſſe, The Lord hath not choſen theſe.

11 ¶ And Samuel ſaid unto Jeſſe, Are here all thy children? And he ſaid, There remaineth yet the youngeſt, and behold, he keepeth the ſheep. And Samuel ſaid unto Jeſſe, Send and fetch him: for we will not ſit down till he come hither.

12 And he ſent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the Lord ſaid, Ariſe, anoint him: for this is he.

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midſt of his brethren. And the ſpirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel roſe up, and went to Ramah.

14 But the ſpirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil ſpirit from the Lord troubled him.

15 And Saul's ſervants ſaid unto him, Behold, now an evil ſpirit from God troubleth thee.

16 Let our lord now command thy ſervants which are before thee to ſeek out a man who is a cunning player on an harp: and it ſhall come to paſs, when the evil ſpirit from God is upon thee, that he ſhall play with his hand, and thou ſhalt be well.

17 And Saul ſaid unto his ſervants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me.

18 Then anſwered one of the ſervants, and ſaid, Behold, I have ſeen a ſon of Jeſſe the Beth-lehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely perſon, and the Lord is with him.

19 Wherefore Saul ſent meſſengers unto Jeſſe, and ſaid, Send me David thy ſon, which is with the ſheep.

20 And Jeſſe took an aſs laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and ſent them by David his ſon unto Saul.

21 And David came to Saul, and ſtood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armour-bearer.

22 And Saul ſent to Jeſſe, ſaying, Let David, I pray thee, ſtand before me: for he hath found favour in my ſight.

23 And it came to paſs when the evil ſpirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: ſo Saul was refreſhed, and was well, and the evil ſpirit departed from him.

The Lord troubled him, ver. 14.] Diſquieted his mind, and troubled his body with fits, ſo that he was like a diſtracted man.

CHAP. XVII.

The armies of the Philiſtines, &c.

NOW the Philiſtines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh: which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Epheſdammim.

2 And Saul and the men of Iſrael were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and ſet the battle in array againſt the Philiſtines.

3 And the Philiſtines ſtood on a mountain on the one ſide, and Iſrael ſtood on a mountain on the other ſide; and there was a valley between them.

4 ¶ And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philiſtines, named Goliath, of Gath, whoſe height was ſix cubits and a ſpan.

5 And he had an helmet of braſs upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thouſand ſhekels of braſs.

6 And he had greaves of braſs upon his legs, and a target of braſs between his ſhoulders.

7 And the ſtaff of his ſpear was like a weaver's beam; and his ſpear's head weighed ſix hundred ſhekels of iron: and one bearing a ſhield went before him.

8 And he ſtood and cried unto the armies of Iſrael, and ſaid unto them, Why are ye come out to ſet your battle in array? am not I a Philiſtine, and ye ſervants to Saul? chooſe ye a man for you, and let him come down to me.

9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your ſervants; but if I prevail againſt him, and kill him; then ſhall ye be our ſervants, and ſerve us.

10 And the Philiſtine ſaid, I defy the armies of Iſrael this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

11 When Saul and all Iſrael heard thoſe words of the Philiſtine, they were diſmayed and greatly afraid.

12 ¶ Now David was the ſon of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah whoſe name was Jeſſe; and he had eight ſons: and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul.

13 And the three eldeſt ſons of Jeſſe went, and followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three ſons that went to the battle, were Eliab, the firſt-born; and next unto him, Abinadab; and the third, Shammah.

14 And David was the youngeſt: and the three eldeſt followed Saul.

15 But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's ſheep at Beth-lehem.

16 And the Philiſtine drew near morning and evening, and preſented himſelf forty days.

17 And Jeſſe ſaid unto David his ſon, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and theſe ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren;

18 And carry theſe ten cheeſes unto the captain of their thouſand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.

Five thouſand ſhekels of braſs, ver. 5.] One hundred and fifty-ſix pounds and a quarter Avoirdupois weight.

19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Iſrael, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philiſtines.

20 And David roſe up early in the morning, and left the ſheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jeſſe had commanded him, and he came to the trench as the hoſt was going forth to the fight, and ſhouted for the battle.

21 For Iſrael and the Philiſtines had put the battle in array, army againſt army.

22 And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and ſaluted his brethren.

23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philiſtine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philiſtines, and ſpake according to the ſame words: and David heard them.

24 And all the men of Iſrael, when they ſaw the man, fled from him, and were ſore afraid.

25 And the men of Iſrael ſaid, Have ye ſeen this man that is come up? ſurely to defy Iſrael is he come up? And it ſhall be that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's houſe free in Iſrael.

26 And David ſpake to the men that ſtood by him, ſaying, What ſhall be done to the man that killeth this Philiſtine, and taketh away the reproach from Iſrael? for who is this uncircumciſed Philiſtine, that he ſhould defy the armies of the living God?

27 And the people anſwered him after this manner, ſaying, So ſhall it be done to the man that killeth him.

28 And Eliab, his eldeſt brother, heard when he ſpake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled againſt David, and he ſaid, Why cameſt thou down hither? and with whom haſt thou left thoſe few ſheep in the wilderneſs? I know thy pride, and the naughtineſs of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mighteſt ſee the battle.

29 And David ſaid, What have I now done? is there not a cauſe?

30 And he turned from him toward another, and ſpake after the ſame manner. And the people anſwered him again after the former manner.

31 And when the words were heard which David ſpake, they rehearſed them before Saul. And he ſent for him.

32 And David ſaid to Saul, Let no man's heart fail becauſe of him; thy ſervant will go and fight with this Philiſtine.

33 And Saul ſaid to David, Thou art not able to go againſt this Philiſtine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

34 And David ſaid unto Saul, Thy ſervant kept his father's ſheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

35 And I went out after him, and ſmote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he aroſe againſt me, I caught him by his beard, and ſmote him, and ſlew him.

36 Thy ſervant ſlew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumciſed Philiſtine ſhall be as one of them, ſeeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

37 David ſaid moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philiſtine. And Saul ſaid unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee.

38 ¶ And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of braſs upon his head, alſo he armed him with a coat of mail.

39 And David girded his ſword upon his armour, and he aſſayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David ſaid unto Saul, I cannot go with theſe: for I have not proved them. And David put them off him.

40 And he took his ſtaff in his hand, and choſe him five ſmooth ſtones out of the brook, and put them in a ſhepherd's bag which he had, even in a ſcrip; and his ſling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philiſtine.

41 And the Philiſtine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the ſhield went before him.

42 And when the Philiſtine looked about and ſaw David, he diſdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

43 And the Philiſtine ſaid unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comeſt to me with ſtaves? and the Philiſtine curſed David by his gods.

44 And the Philiſtine ſaid to David, Come to me, and I will give thy fleſh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beaſts of the field.

45 Then ſaid David to the Philiſtine, Thou comeſt to me with a ſword, and with a ſpear, and with a ſhield; but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hoſts, the God of the armies of Iſrael, whom thou haſt defied.

46 This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand, and I will ſmite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcaſſes of the hoſt of the Philiſtines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beaſts of the earth: that all the earth may know that there is a God in Iſrael.

47 And all this aſſembly ſhall know that the Lord ſaveth not with ſword and ſpear; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to paſs when the Philiſtine aroſe, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David haſted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philiſtine.

49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a ſtone, and ſlang it, and ſmote the Philiſtine in his forehead, that the ſtone ſunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth:

50 So David prevailed over the Philiſtine with a ſling and with a ſtone; and ſmote the Philiſtine and ſlew him; but there was no ſword in the hand of David.

51 Therefore David ran and ſtood upon the Philiſtine, and took his ſword, and drew it out of the ſheath thereof,

Slew him, ver. 51.] Made a full end of him, he not being quite killed by the ſtone. (So Chriſt vanquiſhed Satan, Sin, the World, and Death, with their own weapons.)

and ſlew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philiſtines ſaw their champion was dead, they fled.

52 And the men of Iſrael, and of Judah aroſe, and ſhouted, and purſued the Philiſtines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philiſtines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron.

53 And the children of Iſrael returned from chaſing after the Philiſtines, and they ſpoiled their tents.

54 And David took the head of the Philiſtine, and brought it to Jeruſalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

55 And when Saul ſaw David go forth againſt the Philiſtine, he ſaid unto Abner the captain of the hoſt, Abner, whoſe ſon is this youth? And Abner ſaid, As thy ſoul liveth, O king, I cannot tell.

56 And the king ſaid, Enquire thou whoſe ſon the ſtripling is.

57 And as David returned from the ſlaughter of the Philiſtine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philiſtine in his hand.

58 And Saul ſaid to him, Whoſe ſon art thou, thou young man? and David anſwered, I am the ſon of thy ſervant Jeſſe the Beth-lehemite.

CHAP. XVIII.

Jonathan loveth David, &c.

AND it came to paſs when he had made an end of ſpeaking unto Saul, that the ſoul of Jonathan was knit with the ſoul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own ſoul.

2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's houſe.

3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, becauſe he loved him as his own ſoul.

4 And Jonathan ſtripped himſelf of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his ſword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

5 And David went out whitherſoever Saul ſent him, and behaved himſelf wiſely: and Saul ſet him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the ſight of all the people, and alſo in the ſight of Saul's ſervants.

6 And it came to paſs as they came when David was returned from the ſlaughter of the Philiſtine, that the women came out of all the cities of Iſrael, ſinging and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with inſtruments of muſick.

7 And the women anſwered one another as they played, and ſaid, Saul hath ſlain his thouſands, and David his ten thouſands.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and the ſaying diſpleaſed him; and he ſaid, They have aſcribed unto David ten thouſands; and to me they have aſcribed but thouſands: and what can he have more but the kingdom?

9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

10 ¶ And it came to paſs on the morrow, that the evil ſpirit from God came upon Saul, and he propheſied in

I cannot tell, ver. 55.] Perhaps David ſtaid but a little while at court, or the time might be conſiderable ſince he left it, and ſo was grown out of knowledge.

the midſt of the houſe: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.

11 And Saul caſt the javelin; for he ſaid, I will ſmite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his preſence twice.

12 ¶ And Saul was afraid of David, becauſe the Lord was with him, and was departed from Saul.

13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thouſand; and he went out and came in before the people.

14 And David behaved himſelf wiſely in all his ways; and the Lord was with him.

15 Wherefore when Saul ſaw that he behaved himſelf very wiſely, he was afraid of him.

16 But all Iſrael and Judah loved David, becauſe he went out and in before them.

17 ¶ And Saul ſaid to David, Behold, my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the Lord's battles. For Saul ſaid, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philiſtines be upon him.

18 And David ſaid unto Saul, Who am I? and what is my life, or my father's family in Iſrael, that I ſhould be ſon-in-law to the king?

19 But it came to paſs at the time when Merab, Saul's daughter, ſhould have been given to David, that ſhe was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife.

20 And Michal, Saul's daughter, loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleaſed him.

21 And Saul ſaid, I will give him her, that ſhe may be a ſnare to him, and that the hand of the Philiſtines may be againſt him. Wherefore Saul ſaid to David, Thou ſhalt this day be my ſon-in-law in the one of the twain.

22 And Saul commanded his ſervants, ſaying, Commune with David ſecretly, and ſay, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his ſervants love thee: now therefore be the king's ſon-in-law.

23 And Saul's ſervants ſpake thoſe words in the ears of David. And David ſaid, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be a king's ſon-in-law, ſeeing that I am a poor man, and lightly eſteemed?

24 And the ſervants of Saul told him, ſaying, On this manner ſpake David.

25 And Saul ſaid, Thus ſhall ye ſay to David, The king deſireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreſkins of the Philiſtines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philiſtines.

26 And when his ſervants told David theſe words, it pleaſed David well to be the king's ſon-in-law: and the days were not expired.

27 Wherefore David aroſe and went, he and his men, and ſlew of the Philiſtines two hundred men: and David brought their foreſkins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he

Saul removed him, ver. 13.] Employed him abroad upon warlike and dangerous expeditions.

might be the king's ſon-in-law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

28 And Saul ſaw and knew that the Lord was with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him.

29 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

30 Then the princes of the Philiſtines went forth: and it came to paſs after they went forth, that David behaved himſelf more wiſely than all the ſervants of Saul; ſo that his name was much ſet by.

CHAP. XIX.

Jonathan diſcloſeth his father's purpoſe to kill David, &c.

AND Saul ſpake to Jonathan his ſon, and to all his ſervants, that they ſhould kill David.

2 But Jonathan Saul's ſon delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, ſaying, Saul my father ſeeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyſelf until the morning, and abide in a ſecret place, and hide thyſelf:

3 And I will go out and ſtand beſide my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I ſee, that I will tell thee.

4 And Jonathan ſpake good of David unto Saul his father, and ſaid unto him, Let not the king ſin againſt his ſervant, againſt David: becauſe he hath not ſinned againſt thee, and becauſe his works have been to thee-ward very good:

5 For he did put his life in his hand, and ſlew the Philiſtine, and the Lord wrought a great ſalvation for all Iſrael: thou ſaweſt it, and didſt rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou ſin againſt innocent blood, to ſlay David without a cauſe?

6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul ſware, As the Lord liveth, he ſhall not be ſlain.

7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan ſhewed him all thoſe things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his preſence, as in times paſt.

8 ¶ And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philiſtines, and ſlew them with a great ſlaughter; and they fled from him.

9 And the evil ſpirit from the Lord was upon Saul, as he ſat in his houſe with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand.

10 And Saul ſought to ſmite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he ſlipped away out of Saul's preſence, and he ſmote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and eſcaped that night.

11 Saul alſo ſent meſſengers unto David's houſe, to watch him, and to ſlay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, ſaying, If thou ſave not thy life to-night, to-morrow thou ſhalt be ſlain.

12 ¶ So Michal let David down through a window: and he went and fled and eſcaped.

13 And Michal took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats hair for his bolſter, and covered it with a cloth.

14 And when Saul ſent meſſengers to take David, ſhe ſaid, He is ſick.

15 And Saul ſent the meſſengers again to ſee David, ſaying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I my ſlay him.

16 And when the meſſengers were come in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats hair for his bolſter.

17 And Saul ſaid unto Michal, Why haſt thou deceived me ſo, and and ſent away mine enemy, that he is eſcaped? And Michal anſwered Saul, He ſaid unto me, Let me go; why ſhould I kill thee?

18 So David fled, and eſcaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.

19 And it was told Saul, ſaying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah.

20 And Saul ſent meſſengers to take David: and when they ſaw the company of the prophets propheſying, and Samuel ſtanding as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the meſſengers of Saul, and they alſo propheſied.

21 And when it was told Saul, he ſent other meſſengers, and they propheſied likewiſe. And Saul ſent meſſengers again the third time, and they propheſied alſo.

22 Then went he alſo to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he aſked and ſaid, Where are Samuel and David? And one ſaid, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah.

23 And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him alſo, and he went on and propheſied until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

24 And he ſtripped off his clothes alſo, and propheſied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day, and all that night. Wherefore they ſay, Is Saul alſo among the prophets?

CHAP. XX.

David conſulteth with Jonathan for his ſafety, &c.

AND David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and ſaid before Jonathan, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my ſin before thy father, that he ſeeketh my life?

2 And he ſaid unto him, God forbid; thou ſhalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or ſmall, but that he will ſhew it me: and why ſhould my father hide this thing from me? it is not ſo.

3 And David ſware moreover, and ſaid, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he ſaith, Let not Jonathan know this, leſt he be grieved. But truly as the Lord liveth, and as thy ſoul liveth, there is but a ſtep between me and death.

Came to Samuel, ver. 18.] For advice; for comfort in this diſtreſs; to have his faith ſtrengthened, which was apt to waver; and for ſecurity.

4 Then ſaid Jonathan unto David, Whatſoever thy ſoul deſireth, I will even do it for thee.

5 And David ſaid unto Jonathan, Behold, to-morrow is the new-moon, and I ſhould not fail to ſit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myſelf in the field unto the third day at even.

6 If thy father at all miſs me, then ſay, David earneſtly aſked leave of me that he might run to Beth-lehem his city: for there is a yearly ſacrifice there for all the family.

7 If he ſay thus, It is well; thy ſervant ſhall have peace: but if he be very wroth, then be ſure that evil is determined by him.

8 Therefore thou ſhalt deal kindly with thy ſervant; for thou haſt brought thy ſervant into a covenant of the Lord with thee: notwithſtanding, if there be in me iniquity, ſlay me thyſelf; for why ſhouldeſt thou bring me to thy father?

9 And Jonathan ſaid, Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?

10 Then ſaid David to Jonathan, Who ſhall tell me? or what if thy father anſwer thee roughly?

11 ¶ And Jonathan ſaid unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

12 And Jonathan ſaid unto David, O Lord God of Iſrael, when I have ſounded my father about to-morrow any time, or the third day, and behold, if there be good toward David, and I then ſend not unto thee, and ſhew it thee;

13 The Lord do ſo and much more to Jonathan. But if it pleaſe my father to do thee evil, then I will ſhew it thee, and ſend thee away, that thou mayeſt go in peace: and the Lord be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

14 And thou ſhalt not only while yet I live ſhew me the kindneſs of the Lord, that I die not:

15 But alſo thou ſhalt not cut off thy kindneſs from my houſe for ever; no not when the Lord hath cut off the enemies of David, every one from the face of the earth.

16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the houſe of David, ſaying, Let the Lord even require it at the hand of David's enemies.

17 And Jonathan cauſed David to ſwear again, becauſe he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own ſoul.

18 Then Jonathan ſaid to David, To-morrow is the new-moon: and thou ſhalt be miſſed, becauſe thy ſeat will be empty.

19 And when thou haſt ſtayed three days, then thou ſhalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didſt hide thyſelf when the buſineſs was in hand, and ſhalt remain by the ſtone Ezel.

20 And I will ſhoot three arrows on the ſide thereof, as though I ſhot at a mark.

But let me go, ver. 5.] Give me leave to go and keep the feaſt with my kindred at Beth-lehem, and on the third day I will return, and hide myſelf in the field.

21 And behold, I will ſend a lad, ſaying, Go find out the arrows. If I expreſsly ſay unto the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this ſide of thee, take them; then come thou: for there is peace to thee, and no hurt: as the Lord liveth.

22 But if I ſay thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee; go thy way: for the Lord hath ſent thee away.

23 And as touching the matter which thou and I have ſpoken of, behold, the Lord be between thee and me for ever.

24 ¶ So David hid himſelf in the field: and when the new-moon was come, the king ſat him down to eat meat.

25 And the king ſat upon his ſeat as at other times, even upon a ſeat by the wall: and Jonathan aroſe, and Abner ſat by Saul's ſide, and David's place was empty.

26 Nevertheleſs, Saul ſpake not any thing that day: for he thought, Some thing hath befallen him, he is not clean: ſurely he is not clean.

27 And it came to paſs on the morrow, which was the ſecond day of the month, that David's place was empty. And Saul ſaid unto Jonathan his ſon, Wherefore cometh not the ſon of Jeſſe to meat, neither yeſterday, nor to-day?

28 And Jonathan anſwered Saul, David earneſtly aſked leave of me, to go to Beth-lehem:

29 And he ſaid, Let me go, I pray thee: for our family hath a ſacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me to be there: and now if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and ſee my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table.

30 Then Saul's anger was kindled againſt Jonathan, and he ſaid unto him, Thou ſon of the perverſe, rebellious woman, do not I know that thou haſt choſen the ſon of Jeſſe to thine own confuſion, and unto the confuſion of thy mother's nakedneſs?

31 For as long as the ſon of Jeſſe liveth upon the ground, thou ſhalt not be eſtabliſhed, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now ſend and fetch him unto me: for he ſhall ſurely die.

32 And Jonathan anſwered Saul his father, and ſaid unto him, Wherefore ſhall he be ſlain? what hath he done?

33 And Saul caſt a javelin at him to ſmite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to ſlay David.

34 So Jonathan aroſe from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the ſecond day of the month: for he was grieved for David, becauſe his father had done him ſhame.

35 And it came to paſs in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

36 And he ſaid unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I ſhoot. And as the lad ran, he ſhot an arrow beyond him.

37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had ſhot, Jonathan cried after the

Thou ſon of the perverſe, rebellious woman, ver. 30.] This baſe temper of thine thou haſt not from me, but from thy mother, of whoſe perverſeneſs I have had ſo much experience.

lad, and ſaid, Is not the arrow beyond thee?

38 And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make ſpeed, haſte, ſtay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his maſter.

39 But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

40 And Jonathan gave his artillery unto his lad, and ſaid unto him, Go, carry them to the city.

41 And as ſoon as the lad was gone, David aroſe out of a place toward the ſouth, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himſelf three times: and they kiſſed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded.

42 And Jonathan ſaid to David, Go in peace, foraſmuch as we have ſworn both of us in the name of the Lord, ſaying, The Lord be between me and thee, and between my ſeed and thy ſeed for ever. And he aroſe and departed. And Jonathan went into the city.

CHAP. XXI.

David, at Nob, obtaineth of Ahimelech hallowed bread.

THEN came David to Nob, to Ahimelech the prieſt: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and ſaid unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?

2 And David ſaid unto Ahimelech the prieſt, the king hath commanded me a buſineſs, and hath ſaid unto me, Let no man know any thing of the buſineſs whereabout I ſend thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my ſervants to ſuch and ſuch a place.

3 Now therefore what is under thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in in mine hand, or what there is preſent.

4 And the prieſt anſwered David, and ſaid, There is no common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themſelves at leaſt from women.

5 And David anſwered the prieſt, and ſaid unto him, Of a truth, women have been kept from us about theſe three days, ſince I came out, and the veſſels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, yea, though it were ſanctified this day in the veſſel.

6 So the prieſt gave him hallowed bread; for there was no bread there, but the ſhew-bread that was taken from before the Lord; to put hot-bread in the day when it was taken away.

7 Now a certain man of the ſervants of Saul was there that day, detained before the Lord; and his name was Doeg, an Edomite, the chiefeſt of the herdmen that belonged to Saul.

8 ¶ And David ſaid unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand ſpear or ſword, for I have neither brought my ſword, nor my weapons with me, becauſe the king's buſineſs required haſte.

9 And the prieſt ſaid, The ſword of Goliath the Philiſtine, whom thou ſleweſt in the valley of Elah, behold,

Until David exceeded, ver. 41.] His condition being more apparently hazardous and almoſt deſperate.

is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other ſave that here. And David ſaid, There is none like that; give it me.

10 ¶ And David aroſe, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achiſh the king of Gath.

11 And the ſervants of Achiſh ſaid unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not ſing one to another of him in dances, ſaying, Saul hath ſlain his thouſands, and David his ten thouſands?

12 And David laid up theſe words in his heart, and was ſore afraid of Achiſh the king of Gath.

13 And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himſelf mad in their hands, and ſcrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his ſpittle fall down upon his beard.

14 Then ſaid Achiſh unto his ſervants, Lo, ye ſee the man is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me?

15 Have I need of mad-men, that ye have brought this fellow to play the mad-man in my preſence? ſhall this fellow come into my houſe?

CHAP. XXII.

Men reſort to David at Adullam.

DAVID therefore departed thence, and eſcaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's houſe heard it, they went down thither to him.

2 And every one that was in diſtreſs, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was diſcontented, gathered themſelves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

3 And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he ſaid unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me.

4 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold.

5 And the prophet Gad ſaid unto David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the foreſt of Hareth.

6 When Saul heard that David was diſcovered, and the men that were with him, (now Saul abode in Gibeah under a tree in Ramah, having a ſpear in his hand, and all his ſervants were ſtanding about him;)

7 Then Saul ſaid unto his ſervants that ſtood about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the ſon of Jeſſe give every one of you fields and vine-yards, and make you all captains of thouſands, and captains of hundreds;

8 That all of you have conſpired againſt me, and there is none that ſheweth me that my ſon hath made a league with the ſon of Jeſſe, and there is none of you that is ſorry for me, or ſheweth unto me that my ſon hath

Changed his behaviour, ver. 13.] Whereby he betrayed great diſtruſt in God, and was guilty of an unmanly diſſimulation, that was unbecoming a ſervant of God.

ſtirred up my ſervant againſt me, to lie in wait, as at this day.

9 ¶ Then anſwered Doeg, the Edomite, which was ſet over the ſervants of Saul, and ſaid, I ſaw the ſon of Jeſſe coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the ſon of Ahitub.

10 And he enquired of the Lord for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the ſword of Goliath the Philiſtine.

11 ¶ Then the king ſent to call Ahimelech the prieſt the ſon of Ahitub, and all his father's houſe, the prieſts that were in Nob. And they came all of them to the king.

12 And Saul ſaid, Hear now, thou ſon of Ahitub. And he anſwered, Here I am, my lord.

13 And Saul ſaid unto him, Why have ye conſpired againſt me, thou and the ſon of Jeſſe, in that thou haſt given him bread, and a ſword, and haſt enquired of God for him, that he ſhould riſe againſt me, to lie in wait, as at this day.

14 Then Ahimelech anſwered the king, and ſaid, And who is ſo faithful among all thy ſervants as David, which is the king's ſon-in-law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine houſe?

15 Did I then begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me. Let not the king impute any thing unto his ſervant, nor to all the houſe of my father: for thy ſervant knew nothing of all this, leſs or more.

16 And the king ſaid, Thou ſhalt ſurely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's houſe.

17 And the king ſaid unto the footmen that ſtood about him, Turn and ſlay the prieſts of the Lord; becauſe their hand alſo is with David, and becauſe they knew when he fled, and did not ſhew it to me. But the ſervants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the prieſts of the Lord.

18 And the king ſaid to Doeg, Turn thou and fall upon the prieſts. And Doeg, the Edomite, turned, and he fell upon the prieſts, and ſlew on that day fourſcore and five perſons that did wear a linen ephod.

19 And Nob, the city of the prieſts, ſmote he with the edge of the ſword, both men and women, children and ſucklings, and oxen, and aſſes, and ſheep, with the edge of the ſword.

20 ¶ And one of the ſons of Ahimelech the ſon of Ahitub, named Abiathar, eſcaped and fled after David.

21 And Abiathar ſhewed David that Saul had ſlain the Lord's prieſts.

22 And David ſaid unto Abiathar, I knew it that day, when Doeg, the Edomite, was there, that he would ſurely tell Saul. I have occaſioned the death of all the perſons of thy father's houſe.

23 Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that ſeeketh my life, ſeeketh thy life: but with me thou ſhalt be in ſafeguard.

CHAP. XXIII.

David reſcueth Keilah, &c.

THEN they told David, ſaying, Behold, the Philiſtines fight againſt Keilah, and they rob the threſhing-floors.

Did I then begin to enquire, &c. ver. 15.] I had often done it formerly for him upon all occaſions of moment, and therefore had no reaſon to ſuſpect any thing now.

2 Therefore David enquired of the Lord, ſaying, Shall I go and ſmite theſe Philiſtines? And the Lord ſaid unto David, Go, and ſmite the Philiſtines, and ſave Keilah.

3 And David's men ſaid unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah againſt the armies of the Philiſtines?

4 Then David enquired of the Lord yet again. And the Lord anſwered him and ſaid, Ariſe, go down to Keilah: for I will deliver the Philiſtines into thine hand.

5 So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philiſtines, and brought away their cattle, and ſmote them with a great ſlaughter. So David ſaved the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 And it came to paſs when Abiathar the ſon of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand.

7 ¶ And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul ſaid, God hath delivered him into mine hand: for he is ſhut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars.

8 And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to beſiege David and his men.

9 And David knew that Saul ſecretly practiſed miſchief againſt him; and he ſaid to Abiathar the prieſt, Bring hither the ephod.

10 Then ſaid David, O Lord God of Iſrael, thy ſervant hath certainly heard that Saul ſeeketh to come to Keilah, to deſtroy the city for my ſake.

11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy ſervant hath heard? O Lord God of Iſrael, I beſeech thee, tell thy ſervant. And the Lord ſaid, He will come down.

12 Then ſaid David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the Lord ſaid, They will deliver thee up.

13 Then David and his men, which were about ſix hundred, aroſe and departed out of Keilah, and went whitherſoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was eſcaped from Keilah; and he forbare to go forth.

14 ¶ And David abode in the wilderneſs in ſtrong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderneſs of Ziph. And Saul ſought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand.

15 And David ſaw that Saul was come out to ſeek his life. And David was in the wilderneſs of Ziph, in a wood.

16 And Jonathan, Saul's ſon, aroſe, and went to David into the wood, and ſtrengthened his hand in God.

17 And he ſaid unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father ſhall not find thee; and thou ſhalt be king over Iſrael, and I ſhall be next unto thee: and that alſo Saul my father knoweth.

18 And they two made a covenant before the Lord. And David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his houſe.

Strengthened his hand in God, ver. 16.] Encouraged him, and ſtrengthened his faith by conſideration of God's promiſes, faithfulneſs, providence, &c.

19 Then came up the Ziphites to Saul in Gibeah, ſaying, Doth not David hide himſelf with us in ſtrong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the ſouth of Jeſhimon?

20 Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the deſire of thy ſoul to come down; and our part ſhall be to deliver him into the king's hand.

21 And Saul ſaid, Bleſſed be ye of the Lord; for ye have compaſſion on me.

22 Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and ſee his place where his haunt is, and who hath ſeen him there: for it is told me, that he dealeth very ſubtilly.

23 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking-places where he hideth himſelf, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it ſhall come to paſs, if he be in the land, that I will ſearch him out throughout all the thouſands of Judah.

24 And they aroſe and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderneſs of Maon, in the plain on the ſouth of Jeſhimon.

25 ¶ Saul alſo and his men went to ſeek him. And they told David: wherefore he came down into a rock, and abode in the wilderneſs of Maon. And when Saul heard that, he purſued after David in the wilderneſs of Maon.

26 And Saul went on this ſide of the mountain, and David and his men on that ſide of the mountain; and David made haſte to get away for fear of Saul: for Saul and his men compaſſed David and his men round about to take them.

27 But there came a meſſenger unto Saul, ſaying, Haſte thee, and come: for the Philiſtines have invaded the land.

28 Wherefore Saul returned from purſuing after David, and went againſt the Philiſtines. Therefore they called that place Sela-hammah-lekoth.

29 And David went up from thence, and dwelt in ſtrong holds at En-gedi.

CHAP. XXIV.

David in a cave at En-gedi ſpareth Saul's life: he pleadeth his innocency.

AND it came to paſs when Saul was returned from following the Philiſtines, that it was told him, ſaying, Behold, David is in the wilderneſs of En-gedi.

2 Then Saul took three thouſand choſen men out of all Iſrael, and went to ſeek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.

3 And he came to the ſheep-cotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the ſides of the cave.

4 And the men of David ſaid unto him, Behold the day of which the Lord ſaid unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayeſt do to him as it ſhall ſeem good unto thee. Then David aroſe, and cut off the ſkirt of Saul's robe privily.

Sela-hammah-lekoth, ver. 28.] *i. e.* The rock of diviſions; becauſe Saul was forced to ſeparate himſelf there, and leave off purſuing David.

5 And it came to paſs afterward, that David's heart ſmote him, becauſe he had cut off Saul's ſkirt.

6 And he ſaid unto his men, The Lord forbid that I ſhould do this thing unto my maſter the Lord's anointed, to ſtretch forth mine hand againſt him, ſeeing he is the anointed of the Lord.

7 So David ſtayed his ſervants with theſe words, and ſuffered them not to riſe againſt Saul. But Saul roſe up out of the cave, and went on his way.

8 ¶ David alſo aroſe afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, ſaying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David ſtooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himſelf.

9 And David ſaid to Saul, Wherefore hearеſt thou men's words, ſaying, Behold, David ſeeketh thy hurt?

10 Behold, this day thine eyes have ſeen how that the Lord had delivered thee to-day into mine hand in the cave: and ſome bade me kill thee; but mine eye ſpared thee: and I ſaid, I will not put forth mine hand againſt my lord; for he is the Lord's anointed.

11 Moreover, my father, ſee, yea, ſee the ſkirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the ſkirt of thy robe, and killed thee not; know thou and ſee, that there is neither evil nor tranſgreſſion in mine hand, and I have not ſinned againſt thee; yet thou huntеſt my ſoul to take it.

12 The Lord judge between me and thee, and the Lord avenge me of thee: but mine hand ſhall not be upon thee.

13 As ſaith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedneſs proceedeth from the wicked; but mine hand ſhall not be upon thee.

14 After whom is the king of Iſrael come out? after whom doſt thou purſue? after a dead dog, after a flea.

15 The Lord therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and ſee, and plead my cauſe, and deliver me out of thine hand.

16 ¶ And it came to paſs when David had made an end of ſpeaking theſe words unto Saul, that Saul ſaid, Is this thy voice, my ſon David? and Saul lifted up his voice, and wept.

17 And he ſaid to David, Thou art more righteous than I: for thou haſt rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.

18 And thou haſt ſhewed this day how that thou haſt dealt well with me: foraſmuch as when the Lord had delivered me into thine hand, thou killedſt me not.

19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the Lord reward thee good for that thou haſt done unto me this day.

20 And now behold, I know well that thou ſhalt ſurely be king, and that the kingdom of Iſrael ſhall be eſtabliſhed in thine hand.

21 Swear now therefore unto me by the Lord, that thou wilt not cut off my ſeed after me, and that thou wilt not deſtroy my name out of my father's houſe.

22 And David ſware unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.

And wept, ver. 16.] Being overcome with his kindneſs.—David's kindneſs drew tears from the hard heart of Saul, and Moſes brought water from the flinty rock.

CHAP. XXV.

Samuel dieth, &c.

AND Samuel died, and all the Iſraelites were gathered together and lamented him, and buried him in his houſe at Ramah. And David aroſe, and went down to the wilderneſs of Paran.

2 And there was a man in Maon, whoſe poſſeſſions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thouſand ſheep, and a thouſand goats: and he was ſhearing his ſheep in Carmel.

3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife, Abigail: and ſhe was a woman of good underſtanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churliſh, and evil in his doings; and he was of the houſe of Caleb.

4 And David heard in the wilderneſs, that Nabal did ſhear his ſheep.

5 And David ſent out ten young men; and David ſaid unto the young men, Get ye up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name:

6 And thus ye ſhall ſay to him that liveth in proſperity, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine houſe, and peace be unto all that thou haſt.

7 And now I have heard that thou haſt ſhearers: now thy ſhepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there aught miſſing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

8 Aſk thy young men, and they will ſhew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatſoever cometh to thine hand unto thy ſervants, and to thy ſon David.

9 And when David's young men came, they ſpake to Nabal according to all thoſe words in the name of David, and ceaſed.

10 ¶ And Nabal anſwered David's ſervants, and ſaid, Who is David? and who is the ſon of Jeſſe? there be many ſervants now-a-days that break away every man from his maſter.

11 Shall I then take my bread and my water, and my fleſh that I have killed for my ſhearers, and give it unto men whom I know not whence they be?

12 So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all thoſe ſayings.

13 And David ſaid unto his men, Gird ye on every man his ſword. And they girded on every man his ſword; and David alſo girded on his ſword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the ſtuff.

14 ¶ But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, ſaying, Behold, David ſent meſſengers out of the wilderneſs to ſalute our maſter: and he railed on them.

15 But the men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither miſſed we any thing as long as we were converſant with them, when we were in the fields.

Break away every man from his maſter, ver. 10.] Implying that David was a run-away, and his ſoldiers of the ſame ſtamp.

16 They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the ſheep.

17 Now therefore know and conſider what thou wilt do: for evil is determined againſt our maſter, and againſt all his houſhold: for he is ſuch a ſon of Belial, that a man cannot ſpeak to him.

18 Then Abigail made haſte, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine: and five ſheep ready dreſſed, and five meaſures of parched corn, and an hundred cluſters of raiſins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on aſſes.

19 And ſhe ſaid unto her ſervants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But ſhe told not her huſband Nabal.

20 And it was ſo, as ſhe rode on the aſs, that ſhe came down by the covert of the hill, and behold, David and his men came down againſt her; and ſhe met them.

21 Now David had ſaid, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderneſs, ſo that nothing was miſſed of all that pertained unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good.

22 So and more alſo do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that pertain to him, by the morning light, any that piſſeth againſt the wall.

23 And when Abigail ſaw David, ſhe haſted and lighted off the aſs, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herſelf to the ground,

24 And fell at his feet, and ſaid, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, ſpeak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, ſo is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid ſaw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didſt ſend.

26 Now therefore, my lord, as the Lord liveth, and as thy ſoul liveth, ſeeing the Lord hath with-holden thee from coming to ſhed blood, and from avenging thyſelf with thine own hand: now let thine enemies, and they that ſeek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.

27 And now this bleſſing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.

28 I pray thee, forgive the treſpaſs of thine handmaid. For the Lord will certainly make my lord a ſure houſe; becauſe my lord fighteth the battles of the Lord, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days.

29 Yet a man is riſen to purſue thee, and to ſeek thy ſoul: but the ſoul of my lord ſhall be bound in the bundle of life with the Lord thy God; and the ſouls of thine enemies, them ſhall he ſling out, as out of the middle of a ſling.

30 And it ſhall come to paſs when the Lord ſhall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath

Let thine enemies, &c. be as Nabal, ver. 26.] Let the vengeance thou didſt intend to Nabal and his family fall upon their head.

ſpoken concerning thee, and ſhall have appointed thee ruler over Iſrael;

31 That this ſhall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou haſt ſhed blood cauſeleſs, or that my lord hath avenged himſelf: but when the Lord ſhall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

32 And David ſaid to Abigail, Bleſſed be the Lord God of Iſrael, which ſent thee this day to meet me:

33 And bleſſed be thy advice, and bleſſed be thou, which haſt kept me this day from coming to ſhed blood, and from avenging myſelf with mine own hand.

34 For in very deed as the Lord God of Iſrael liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadſt haſted and come to meet me, ſurely there had not been left unto Nabal, by the morning light, any that piſſeth againſt the wall.

35 So David received of her hand that which ſhe had brought him, and ſaid unto her, Go up in peace to thine houſe; ſee, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy perſon.

36 ¶ And Abigail came to Nabal; and behold, he held a feaſt in his houſe like the feaſt of a king: and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken: wherefore ſhe told him nothing, leſs or more, until the morning light.

37 But it came to paſs in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him theſe things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a ſtone.

38 And it came to paſs about ten days after, that the Lord ſmote Nabal, that he died.

39 ¶ And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he ſaid, Bleſſed be the Lord, that hath pleaded the cauſe of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his ſervant from evil: for the Lord hath returned the wickedneſs of Nabal upon his own head. And David ſent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife.

40 And when the ſervants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they ſpake unto her, ſaying, David ſent us unto thee to take thee to him to wife.

41 And ſhe aroſe, and bowed herſelf on her face to the earth, and ſaid, Behold, let thine handmaid be a ſervant to waſh the feet of the ſervants of my lord.

42 And Abigail haſted, and aroſe, and rode upon an aſs, with five damſels of her's that went after her; and ſhe went after the meſſengers of David, and became his wife.

43 David alſo took Ahinoam of Jezreel, and they were alſo both of them his wives.

44 But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the ſon of Laiſh, which was of Gallim.

CHAP. XXVI.

Saul cometh to Hachilah againſt David.

AND the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, ſaying, Doth not David

hide himſelf in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeſhimon?

2 Then Saul aroſe and went down to the wilderneſs of Ziph, having three thouſand choſen men of Iſrael with him, to ſeek David in the wilderneſs of Ziph.

3 And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeſhimon, by the way. But David abode in the wilderneſs, and he ſaw that Saul came after him into the wilderneſs.

4 David therefore ſent out ſpies, and underſtood that Saul was come in very deed.

5 ¶ And David aroſe, and came to the place where Saul had pitched; and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the ſon of Ner, the captain of his hoſt: And Saul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.

6 Then anſwered David and ſaid to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abiſhai the ſon of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, ſaying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abiſhai ſaid, I will go down with thee.

7 So David and Abiſhai came to the people by night. And behold, Saul lay ſleeping within the trench, and his ſpear ſtuck in the ground at his bolſter: but Abner and the people lay round about him.

8 Then ſaid Abiſhai to David, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me ſmite him, I pray thee, with the ſpear, even to the earth at once, and I will not ſmite him the ſecond time.

9 And David ſaid to Abiſhai, Deſtroy him not: for who can ſtretch forth his hand againſt the Lord's anointed, and be guiltleſs?

10 David ſaid furthermore, As the Lord liveth, the Lord ſhall ſmite him: or his day ſhall come to die; or he ſhall deſcend into battle and periſh.

11 The Lord forbid that I ſhould ſtretch forth mine hand againſt the Lord's anointed: but I pray thee, take thou now the ſpear that is at his bolſter, and the cruſe of water, and let us go.

12 So David took the ſpear, and the cruſe of water from Saul's bolſter; and they gat them away, and no man ſaw it, nor knew it, neither awaked: for they were all aſleep; becauſe a deep ſleep from the Lord was fallen upon them.

13 Then David went over to the other ſide, and ſtood on the top of an hill afar off; a great ſpace being between them:

14 And David cried to the people, and to Abner the ſon of Ner, ſaying, Anſwereſt thou not, Abner; Then Abner anſwered and ſaid, Who art thou that crieſt to the king?

15 And David ſaid to Abner, Art not thou a valiant man? and who is like to thee in Iſrael? wherefore then haſt thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to deſtroy the king thy lord.

16 This thing is not good that thou haſt done. As the Lord liveth, ye are worthy to die, becauſe ye have not kept your maſter, the Lord's anointed. And now ſee where the king's ſpear is,

and the cruſe of water that was at his bolſter.

17 And Saul knew David's voice, and ſaid, Is this thy voice, my ſon David? And David ſaid, It is my voice, my lord, O king.

18 And he ſaid, Wherefore doth my lord thus purſue after his ſervant? for what have I done? or what evil is in mine hand?

19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his ſervant. If the Lord have ſtirred thee up againſt me, let him accept an offering: but if they be the children of men, curſed be they before the Lord; for they have driven me out this day from abiding in the inheritance of the Lord, ſaying, Go, ſerve other gods.

20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the Lord: for the king of Iſrael is come out to ſeek a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains.

21 Then ſaid Saul, I have ſinned: return, my ſon David: for I will no more do thee harm, becauſe my ſoul was precious in thine eyes this day: Behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.

22 And David anſwered and ſaid, Behold the king's ſpear! and let one of the young men come over and fetch it.

23 The Lord render to every man his righteouſneſs and his faithfulneſs: for the Lord delivered thee into my hand to-day, but I would not ſtretch forth mine hand againſt the Lord's anointed.

24 And behold, as thy life was much ſet by this day in mine eyes, ſo let my life be much ſet by in the eyes of the Lord, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation.

25 Then Saul ſaid to David, Bleſſed be thou, my ſon David: thou ſhalt both do great things, and alſo ſhalt ſtill prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

CHAP. XXVII.

Saul hearing David to be in Gath, ſeeketh no more for him.

AND David ſaid in his heart, I ſhall now periſh one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I ſhould ſpeedily eſcape into the land of the Philiſtines; and Saul ſhall deſpair of me, to ſeek me any more in the coaſt of Iſrael: ſo ſhall I eſcape out of his hand.

2 And David aroſe, and he paſſed over, with the ſix hundred men that were with him, unto Achiſh the ſon of Maoch, king of Gath.

3 And David dwelt with Achiſh at Gath, he and his men, every man with his houſhold, even David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreeliteſs, and Abigail the Carmeliteſs, Nabal's wife.

4 And it was told Saul, that David was fled to Gath: and he ſought no more again for him.

5 ¶ And David ſaid unto Achiſh, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in ſome town

So David went on his way, ver. 25.] Purſued the courſe he had deſigned for his own ſafety, notwithſtanding the fair promiſes of Saul.

in the country, that I may dwell there: for why ſhould thy ſervant dwell in the royal city with thee?

6 Then Achiſh gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day.

7 And the time that David dwelt in the country of the Philiſtines was a full year and four months.

8 And David and his men went up and invaded the Geſhurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites: for thoſe nations were of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goeſt to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt.

9 And David ſmote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the ſheep, and the oxen, and the aſſes, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to Achiſh.

10 And Achiſh ſaid, Whither have ye made a road to-day? And David ſaid, Againſt the ſouth of Judah, and againſt the ſouth of the Jerahmeelites, and againſt the ſouth of the Kenites.

11 And David ſaved neither man nor woman alive, to bring tidings to Gath, ſaying, Leſt they ſhould tell on us, ſaying, So did David, and ſo will be his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country of the Philiſtines.

12 And Achiſh believed David, ſaying, He hath made his people Iſrael utterly to abhor him; therefore he ſhall be my ſervant for ever.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Saul having deſtroyed the witches, afterward ſeeketh one, &c.

AND it came to paſs in thoſe days, that the Philiſtines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Iſrael. And Achiſh ſaid unto David, Know thou aſſuredly that thou ſhalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.

2 And David ſaid to Achiſh, Surely thou ſhalt know what thy ſervant can do. And Achiſh ſaid to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

3 ¶ Now Samuel was dead, and all Iſrael had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away thoſe that had familiar ſpirits, and the wizards out of the land.

4 And the Philiſtines gathered themſelves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Iſrael together, and they pitched in Gilboa.

5 And when Saul ſaw the hoſt of the Philiſtines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

6 And when Saul enquired of the Lord, the Lord anſwered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

7 ¶ Then ſaid Saul unto his ſervants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar ſpirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his ſervants ſaid to him,

Againſt the ſouth of Judah, &c. ver. 10.] This was either a direct lie, or a fraudulent equivocation, unworthy ſuch a holy man as David.

Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar ſpirit at En-dor.

8 And Saul diſguiſed himſelf, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: And he ſaid, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar ſpirit, and bring me him up whom I ſhall name unto thee.

9 ¶ And the woman ſaid unto him, Behold, thou knoweſt what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off thoſe that have familiar ſpirits, and the wizards out of the land: wherefore then layeſt thou a ſnare for my life, to cauſe me to die?

10 And Saul ſware to her by the Lord, ſaying, As the Lord liveth, there ſhall no puniſhment happen to thee for this thing.

11 Then ſaid the woman, Whom ſhall I bring up unto thee? And he ſaid, Bring me up Samuel.

12 And when the woman ſaw Samuel, ſhe cried with a loud voice: and the woman ſpake to Saul, ſaying, Why haſt thou deceived me? for thou art Saul.

13 And the king ſaid unto her, Be not afraid: for what ſaweſt thou? And the woman ſaid unto Saul, I ſaw gods aſcending out of the earth.

14 And he ſaid unto her, What form is he of? And ſhe ſaid, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he ſtooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himſelf.

15 ¶ And Samuel ſaid to Saul, Why haſt thou diſquieted me to bring me up? And Saul anſwered, I am ſore diſtreſſed: for the Philiſtines make war againſt me, and God is departed from me, and anſwereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayeſt make known unto me what I ſhall do.

16 Then ſaid Samuel, Wherefore then doſt thou aſk of me, ſeeing the Lord is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?

17 And the Lord hath done to him, as he ſpake by me: for the Lord hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David:

18 Becauſe thou obeyedſt not the voice of the Lord, nor executedſt his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the Lord done this thing unto thee this day.

19 Moreover, the Lord will alſo deliver Iſrael with thee into the hand of the Philiſtines: and to-morrow ſhalt thou and thy ſons be with me: the Lord alſo ſhall deliver the hoſt of Iſrael into the hand of the Philiſtines.

20 Then Saul fell ſtraightway all along on the earth, and was ſore afraid, becauſe of the words of Samuel: and there was no ſtrength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day nor all the night.

21 And the woman came unto Saul, and ſaw that he was ſore troubled, and ſaid unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou ſpakeſt unto me.

The woman ſaw Samuel, ver. 12.] An evil ſpirit in his ſhape, and perſonating him; for the ſouls of the righteous are in paradiſe, and their bodies reſt in peace.

22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou alſo unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me ſet a morſel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayeſt have ſtrength, when thou goeſt on thy way.

23 But he refuſed, and ſaid, I will not eat. But his ſervants, together with the woman, compelled him, and he hearkened unto their voice. So he aroſe from the earth, and ſat upon the bed.

24 And the woman had a fat calf in the houſe, and ſhe haſted and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread thereof:

25 And ſhe brought it before Saul, and before his ſervants; and they did eat. Then they roſe up, and went away that night.

CHAP. XXIX.

David, marching with the Philiſtines, is diſallowed by their princes.

NOW the Philiſtines gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Iſraelites pitched by a fountain which is in Jezreel.

2 And the lords of the Philiſtines paſſed on by hundreds, and by thouſands: but David and his men paſſed on in the rere-ward with Achiſh.

3 ¶ Then ſaid the princes of the Philiſtines, What do theſe Hebrews here? And Achiſh ſaid unto the princes of the Philiſtines, Is not this David the ſervant of Saul the king of Iſrael, which hath been with me theſe days, or theſe years, and I have found no fault in him ſince he fell unto me unto this day?

4 And the princes of the Philiſtines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philiſtines ſaid unto him, Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou haſt appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, leſt in the battle he be an adverſary to us: for wherewith ſhould he reconcile himſelf unto his maſter? ſhould it not be with the heads of theſe men?

5 Is not this David, of whom they ſang one to another in dances, ſaying, Saul ſlew his thouſands, and David his ten thouſands?

6 ¶ Then Achiſh called David, and ſaid unto him, Surely, as the Lord liveth, thou haſt been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the hoſt is good in my ſight: for I have not found evil in thee, ſince the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheleſs, the lords favour thee not.

7 Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou diſpleaſe not the lords of the Philiſtines.

8 And David ſaid unto Achiſh, But what have I done? and what haſt thou found in thy ſervant, ſo long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight againſt the enemies of my lord the king?

9 And Achiſh anſwered and ſaid to David, I know that thou art good in my ſight as an angel of God: notwithſtanding, the princes of the Philiſtines

have ſaid, He ſhall not go up with us to the battle.

10 Wherefore now riſe up early in the morning, with thy maſter's ſervants that are come with thee: and as ſoon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart.

11 So David and his men roſe up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philiſtines. And the Philiſtines went up to Jezreel.

CHAP. XXX.

The Amalekites ſpoil Ziklag, &c.

AND it came to paſs when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the ſouth and Ziklag, and ſmitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire;

2 And had taken the women captives that were therein: they ſlew not any, either great or ſmall, but carried them away, and went on their way.

3 So David and his men came to the city, and behold, it was burned with fire, and their wives, and their ſons, and their daughters, were taken captives.

4 Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

5 And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreeliteſs, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

6 And David was greatly diſtreſſed; for the people ſpake of ſtoning him; becauſe the ſoul of all the people was grieved, every man for his ſons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himſelf in the Lord his God.

7 ¶ And David ſaid to Abiathar the prieſt, Ahimelech's ſon, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.

8 And David enquired at the Lord, ſaying, Shall I purſue after this troop? ſhall I overtake them? and he anſwered him, Purſue: for thou ſhalt ſurely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

9 So David went, he and the ſix hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Beſor, where thoſe that were left behind ſtayed.

10 But David purſued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were ſo faint that they could not go over the brook Beſor.

11 ¶ And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water;

12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two cluſters of raiſins: and when he had eaten, his ſpirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights.

13 And David ſaid unto him, To whom belongeſt thou? and whence art thou? And he ſaid, I am a young man of Egypt, ſervant to an Amalekite: and my maſter left me, becauſe three days agone I fell ſick.

14 We made an invaſion upon the ſouth of the Cherethites, and upon the

Roſe up early to depart, ver. 11.] This was ſo ordered by God's ſpecial Providence, to preſerve him from fighting againſt his own people, and from betraying his truſt.

coaſt which belongeth to Judah, and upon the ſouth of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire.

15 And David ſaid to him, Canſt thou bring me down to this company? And he ſaid, Swear unto me by God that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my maſter, and I will bring thee down to this company.

16 And when he had brought him down, behold, they were ſpread abroad upon all the earth eating and drinking, and dancing, becauſe of all the great ſpoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philiſtines, and out of the land of Judah.

17 And David ſmote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there eſcaped not a man of them, ſave four hundred young men which rode upon camels, and fled.

18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David reſcued his two wives.

19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither ſmall nor great, neither ſons nor daughters, neither ſpoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them. David recovered all.

20 And David took all the flocks, and the herds: which they drove before thoſe other cattle, and ſaid, This is David's ſpoil.

21 And David came to the two hundred men which were ſo faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made alſo to abide at the brook Beſor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him. And when David came near to the people, he ſaluted them.

22 Then anſwered all the wicked men, and men of Belial, of thoſe that went with David, and ſaid, Becauſe they went not with us, we will not give them aught of the ſpoil that we have recovered, ſave to every man his wife, and his children, ſo that they may lead them away and depart.

23 Then ſaid David, Ye ſhall not do ſo, my brethren, with that which the Lord hath given us, who hath preſerved us, and delivered the company that came againſt us into our hand.

24 For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, ſo ſhall his part be that tarrieth by the ſtuff: they ſhall part alike.

25 And it was ſo from that day forward, that he made it a ſtatute and an ordinance for Iſrael unto this day.

26 And when David came to Ziklag, he ſent of the ſpoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, ſaying, Behold, a preſent for you of the ſpoil of the enemies of the Lord:

27 To them which were in Beth-el, and to them which were in ſouth Ramoth, and to them which were in Jattir.

28 And to them which were in Aroer, and to them which were in Siphmoth, and to them which were in Eſhtemoa.

29 And to them which were in Rachal, and to them which were in

the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to them which were in the cities of the Kenites.

30 And to them which were in Hormah, and to them which were in Chor-aſhan, and to them which were in Athach,

31 And to them which were in Hebron, and to all the places were David himſelf and his men were wont to haunt.

CHAP. XXXI.

Saul having loſt his army, and his ſons, killeth himſelf, &c.

NOW the Philiſtines fought againſt Iſrael: and the men of Iſrael fled from before the Philiſtines, and fell down ſlain in mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philiſtines followed hard upon Saul, and upon his ſons; and the Philiſtines ſlew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchi-ſhua, Saul's ſons.

3 And the battle went ſore againſt Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was ſore wounded of the archers.

4 Then ſaid Saul unto his armour-bearer, Draw thy ſword, and thruſt me through therewith; leſt theſe uncircumciſed come and thruſt me through, and abuſe me. But his armour-bearer would not; for he was ſore afraid. Therefore Saul took a ſword, and fell upon it.

5 And when his armour-bearer ſaw that Saul was dead, he fell likewiſe upon his ſword, and died with him.

6 So Saul died, and his three ſons, and his armour-bearer, and all his men, that ſame day together.

7 And when the men of Iſrael that were on the other ſide of the valley, and they that were on the other ſide Jordan, ſaw that the men of Iſrael fled, and that Saul and his ſons were dead, they forſook the cities, and fled; and the Philiſtines came and dwelt in them.

8 ¶ And it came to paſs on the morrow, when the Philiſtines came to ſtrip the ſlain, that they found Saul and his three ſons fallen in mount Gilboa.

9 And they cut off his head, and ſtripped off his armour, and ſent into the land of the Philiſtines round about, to publiſh it in the houſe of their idols, and among the people.

10 And they put his armour in the houſe of Aſhtaroth: and they faſtened his body to the wall of Beth-ſhan.

11 ¶ And when the inhabitants of Jabeſh-gilead heard of that which the Philiſtines had done to Saul;

12 All the valiant men aroſe, and went all night, and took the body of Saul, and the bodies of his ſons, from the wall of Beth-ſhan, and came to Jabeſh, and burnt them there.

13 And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at Jabeſh, and faſted ſeven days.

Were wont to haunt, ver. 31.] Found ſhelter in his diſtreſs; thereby to teſtify his thankfulneſs to them, and further to engage their affections to him.

THE SECOND BOOK

OF

SAMUEL,

OTHERWISE CALLED, THE SECOND BOOK OF THE *KINGS.*

CHAP. I.

The Amalekite, accuſing himſelf of Saul's death, is ſlain, &c.

NOW it came to paſs after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the ſlaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag;

2 It came even to paſs on the third day, that behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul, with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and ſo it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeiſance.

3 And David ſaid unto him, From whence comeſt thou? And he ſaid unto him, Out of the camp of Iſrael am I eſcaped.

4 And David ſaid unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he anſwered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people alſo are fallen and dead; and Saul, and Jonathan his ſon, are dead alſo.

5 And David ſaid unto the young man that told him, How knoweſt thou that Saul, and Jonathan his ſon, be dead?

6 And the young man that told him ſaid, As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his ſpear: and lo, the chariots and horſemen followed hard after him.

7 And when he looked behind him, he ſaw me, and called unto me: And I anſwered, Here am I.

8 And he ſaid unto me, Who art thou? And I anſwered him, I am an Amalekite,

9 He ſaid unto me again, Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and ſlay me: for anguiſh is come upon me, becauſe my life is yet whole in me.

10 So I ſtood upon him, and ſlew him, becauſe I was ſure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.

11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewiſe all the men that were with him:

12 And they mourned and wept, and faſted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his ſon, and for the people of the Lord, and for the houſe of Iſrael: becauſe they were fallen by the ſword.

13 And David ſaid unto the young man that told him, Whence art thou?

As I happened by chance, &c. ver. 6.] Several of theſe paſſages were feigned by him, merely to ingratiate himſelf with David.

And he anſwered, I am the ſon of a ſtranger, an Amalekite.

14 And David ſaid unto him, How, waſt thou not afraid to ſtretch forth thine hand to deſtroy the Lord's anointed?

15 And David called one of the young men and ſaid, Go near, and fall upon him. And he ſmote him that he died.

16 And David ſaid unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath teſtified againſt thee, ſaying, I have ſlain the Lord's anointed.

17 ¶ And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul, and over Jonathan his ſon:

18 (Alſo he bade them teach the children of Judah the uſe of the bow: behold, it is written in the book of Jaſher.)

19 The beauty of Iſrael is ſlain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen!

20 Tell it not in Gath, publiſh it not in the ſtreets of Aſkelon: leſt the daughters of the Philiſtines rejoice, leſt the daughters of the uncircumciſed triumph.

21 Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the ſhield of the mighty is vilely caſt away, the ſhield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil.

22 From the blood of the ſlain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the ſword of Saul returned not empty.

23 Saul and Jonathan were lovely, and pleaſant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were ſwifter than eagles, they were ſtronger than lions.

24 Ye daughters of Iſrael, weep over Saul, who clothed you in ſcarlet, with other delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

25 How are the mighty fallen in the midſt of the battle! O Jonathan, thou waſt ſlain in thine high places?

26 I am diſtreſſed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleaſant haſt thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, paſſing the love of women.

27 How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war periſhed!

CHAP. II.

David, by God's direction, going up to Hebron, is made king of Judah, &c.

AND it came to paſs after this, that David enquired of the Lord, ſaying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the Lord ſaid unto him, Go up. And David ſaid, Whither ſhall I go up? And he ſaid, Unto Hebron.

2 So David went up thither, and his two wives alſo, Ahinoam the Jezreeliteſs, and Abigail Nabal's wife the Carmelite.

3 And his men that were with him did David bring up, every man with his houſhold: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

4 And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the

How are the mighty fallen, ver. 19.] How ſad and wonderful a providence is it, that theſe worthies, who ſo often vanquiſhed their enemies before, ſhould now fall before them.

houſe of Judah. And they told David, ſaying, That the men of Jabeſh-gilead were they that buried Saul.

5 And David ſent meſſengers unto the men of Jabeſh-gilead, and ſaid unto them, Bleſſed be ye of the Lord, that ye have ſhewed this kindneſs unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him.

6 And now the Lord ſhew kindneſs and truth unto you: and I alſo will requite you this kindneſs, becauſe ye have done this thing.

7 Therefore now let your hands be ſtrengthened, and be ye valiant: for your maſter Saul is dead, and alſo the houſe of Judah have anointed me king over them.

8 ¶ But Abner the ſon of Ner, captain of Saul's hoſt, took Iſh-boſheth the ſon of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim:

9 And made him king over Gilead, and over the Aſhurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Iſrael.

10 Iſh-boſheth, Saul's ſon, was forty years old when he began to reign over Iſrael, and reigned two years. But the houſe of Judah followed David.

11 And the time that David was king in Hebron over the houſe of Judah, was ſeven years and ſix months.

12 And Abner the ſon of Ner, and the ſervants of Iſh-boſheth the ſon of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.

13 And Joab the ſon of Zeruiah, and the ſervants of David, went out and met together by the pool of Gibeon: and they ſat down, the one on the one ſide of the pool, and the other on the other ſide of the pool.

14 And Abner ſaid to Joab, Let the young men now ariſe, and play before us. And Joab ſaid, Let them ariſe.

15 Then there aroſe and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, which pertained to Iſh-boſheth the ſon of Saul, and twelve of the ſervants of David.

16 And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and thruſt his ſword in his fellow's ſide: ſo they fell down together. Wherefore that place was called Helkath-hazzurim, which is in Gibeon.

17 And there was a very ſore battle that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Iſrael, before the ſervants of David.

18 ¶ And there were three ſons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abiſhai, and Aſahel: and Aſahel was as light of foot as a wild roe.

19 And Aſahel purſued after Abner, and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left, from following Abner.

20 Then Abner looked behind him, and ſaid, Art thou Aſahel? And he anſwered, I am.

21 And Abner ſaid to him, Turn thee aſide to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his armour. But Aſahel would not turn aſide from following of him.

22 And Abner ſaid again to Aſahel, Turn thee aſide from following me:

Helkath-hazzurim, ver. 16.] The field of rocks; *i. e.* of men who ſtood immoveable; each one dying upon the ſpot where he fought.

wherefore ſhould I ſmite thee to the ground? how then ſhould I hold up my face to Joab thy brother?

23 Howbeit he refuſed to turn aſide. Wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the ſpear ſmote him under the fifth rib, that the ſpear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the ſame place: and it came to paſs, that as many as came to the place where Aſahel fell down and died, ſtood ſtill.

24 Joab alſo and Abiſhai purſued after Abner: and the ſun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that lieth before Giah by the way of the wilderneſs of Gibeon.

25 And the children of Benjamin gathered themſelves together after Abner, and became one troop, and ſtood on the top of an hill.

26 Then Abner called to Joab, and ſaid, Shall the ſword devour for ever? knoweſt thou not that it will be bitterneſs in the latter end? how long ſhall it be then ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren?

27 And Joab ſaid, As God liveth, unleſs thou hadſt ſpoken, ſurely then in the morning the people had gone up every one from following his brother.

28 So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people ſtood ſtill, and purſued after Iſrael no more, neither fought they any more.

29 And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and paſſed over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim.

30 And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's ſervants nineteen men, and Aſahel.

31 But the ſervants of David had ſmitten of Benjamin and of Abner's men, ſo that three hundred and threeſcore men died.

32 And they took up Aſahel, and buried him in the ſepulchre of his father, which was in Beth-lehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.

CHAP. III.

During the war, David ſtill waxeth ſtronger, &c.

NOW there was long war between the houſe of Saul and the houſe of David. But David waxed ſtronger and ſtronger, and the houſe of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

2 And unto David were ſons born in Hebron: and his firſt-born was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreeliteſs;

3 And his ſecond, Chileab, of Abigail, the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Abſalom the ſon of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai king of Geſhur;

4 And the fourth, Adonijah the ſon of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the ſon of Abital;

5 And the ſixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. Theſe were born to David in Hebron.

6 ¶ And it came to paſs while there was war between the houſe of Saul and

Unleſs thou hadſt ſpoken, ver. 27.] *i. e.* Made that challenge, and thereby provoked us to fight, we ſhould have gone home again in peace, without bloodſhed.

the houſe of David, that Abner made himſelf ſtrong for the houſe of Saul.

7 And Saul had a concubine whoſe name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and Iſh-boſheth ſaid to Abner, Wherefore haſt thou gone in unto my father's concubine?

8 Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Iſh-boſheth, and ſaid, Am I a dog's head, which againſt Judah do ſhew kindneſs this day unto the houſe of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, that thou chargeſt me to-day with a fault concerning this woman?

9 So do God to Abner, and more alſo, except, as the Lord hath ſworn to David, even ſo I do to him;

10 To tranſlate the kingdom from the houſe of Saul, and to ſet up the throne of David over Iſrael and over Judah, from Dan even to Beer-ſheba.

11 And he could not anſwer Abner a word again, becauſe he feared him.

12 ¶ And Abner ſent meſſengers to David on his behalf, ſaying, Whoſe is the land? ſaying alſo, Make thy league with me, and behold, my hand ſhall be with thee, to bring about all Iſrael unto thee.

13 And he ſaid, Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou ſhalt not ſee my face, except thou firſt bring Michal, Saul's danghter, when thou comeſt to ſee my face.

14 And David ſent meſſengers to Iſh-boſheth, Saul's ſon, ſaying, Deliver me my wife Michal, which I eſpouſed to me for an hundred fore-ſkins of the Philiſtines.

15 And Iſh-boſheth ſent, and took her from her huſband, even from Phaltiel the ſon of Laiſh.

16 And her huſband went with her along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then ſaid Abner unto him, Go, return. And he returned.

17 And Abner had communication with the elders of Iſrael, ſaying, Ye ſought for David in times paſt to be king over you:

18 Now then do it: for the Lord hath ſpoken of David, ſaying, By the hand of my ſervant David I will ſave my people Iſrael out of the hand of the Philiſtines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.

19 And Abner alſo ſpake in the ears of Benjamin: And Abner went alſo to ſpeak in the ears of David in Hebron, all that ſeemed good to Iſrael, and that ſeemed good to the whole houſe of Benjamin.

20 So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner, and the men that were with him, a feaſt.

21 And Abner ſaid unto David, I will ariſe, and go, and will gather all Iſrael unto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayeſt reign over all that thine heart deſireth. And David ſent Abner away; and he went in peace.

22 ¶ And behold, the ſervants of David and Joab came from purſuing a troop, and brought in a great ſpoil with them. But Abner was not with

Am I dog's head, ver. 8.] So contemptible a perſon, that thou ſhouldeſt think it a diſgrace to thy family for me to lie with thy father's concubine.

David in Hebron; for he had ſent him away, and he was gone in peace.

23 When Joab and all the hoſt that was with him were come, they told Joab, ſaying, Abner the ſon of Ner came to the king, and he hath ſent him away, and he is gone in peace.

24 Then Joab came to the king, and ſaid, What haſt thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee; why is it that thou haſt ſent him away, and he is quite gone?

25 Thou knoweſt Abner, the ſon of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doeſt.

26 And when Joab was come out from David, he ſent meſſengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah; but David knew it not.

27 And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aſide in the gate to ſpeak with him quietly; and ſmote him there under the fifth rib, that he died, for the blood of Aſahel his brother.

28 ¶ And afterward when David heard it, he ſaid, I and my kingdom are guiltleſs before the Lord for ever from the blood of Abner the ſon of Ner:

29 Let it reſt on the head of Joab, and on all his father's houſe: and let there not fail from the houſe of Joab one that hath an iſſue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a ſtaff, or that falleth on the ſword, or that lacketh bread.

30 So Joab, and Abiſhai his brother, ſlew Abner, becauſe he had ſlain their brother Aſahel at Gibeon in the battle.

31 ¶ And David ſaid to Joab, and to all the people that were with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with ſackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David himſelf followed the bier.

32 And they buried Abner in Hebron. And the king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept.

33 And the king lamented over Abner, and ſaid, Died Abner as a fool dieth?

34 Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before wicked men, ſo felleſt thou. And all the people wept again over him.

35 And when all the people came to cauſe David to eat meat while it was yet day, David ſware, ſaying, So do God to me, and more alſo, if I taſte bread or aught elſe till the ſun be down.

36 And all the people took notice of it, and it pleaſed them: as whatſoever the king did, pleaſed all the people.

37 For all the people and all Iſrael underſtood that day that it was not of the king to ſlay Abner the ſon of Ner.

38 And the king ſaid unto his ſervants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Iſrael?

39 And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and theſe men, the ſons

Said to Joab, &c. Rend your clothes, ver. 31.] Thereby to make him ſenſible of his ſin, and to weaken his intereſt in the hearts of his people.

of Zeruiah, be too hard for me. The Lord ſhall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedneſs.

CHAP. IV.

The Iſraelites are troubled at the death of Abner, &c.

AND when Saul's ſon heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Iſraelites were troubled.

2 ¶ And Saul's ſon had two men that were captains of bands: the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, the ſons of Rimmon a Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin: for Beeroth alſo was reckoned to Benjamin:

3 And the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and were ſojourners there until this day.

4 And Jonathan, Saul's ſon, had a ſon that was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurſe took him up, and fled: and it came to paſs, as ſhe made haſte to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was Mephiboſheth.

5 And the ſons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the houſe of Iſh-boſheth, who lay on a bed at noon.

6 And they came thither into the midſt of the houſe, as though they would have fetched wheat: and they ſmote him under the fifth rib: and Rechab and Baanah his brother eſcaped:

7 For when they came into the houſe, he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, and they ſmote him, and ſlew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and gat them away through the plain all night.

8 And they brought the head of Iſh-boſheth unto David to Hebron, and ſaid to the king, Behold the head of Iſh-boſheth the ſon of Saul thine enemy, which ſought thy life: and the Lord hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his ſeed.

9 ¶ And David anſwered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the ſons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and ſaid unto them, As the Lord liveth, who hath redeemed my ſoul out of all adverſity,

10 When one told me, ſaying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and ſlew him in Ziklag, who thought that I would have given him reward for his tidings:

11 How much more, when wicked men have ſlain a righteous perſon in his own houſe upon his bed? ſhall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?

12 And David commanded his young men, and they ſlew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Iſh-boſheth, and buried it in the ſepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

His hands were feeble, ver. 1.] He grew ſo diſpirited, that he could do nothing to ſecure himſelf.

CHAP. V.

The tribes come to Hebron to anoint David over Iſrael, &c.

THEN came all the tribes of Iſrael to David unto Hebron, and ſpake, ſaying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy fleſh:

2 Alſo in time paſt, when Saul was king over us, thou waſt he that leddeſt out and broughteſt in Iſrael: and the Lord ſaid to thee, Thou ſhalt feed my people Iſrael, and thou ſhalt be a captain over Iſrael.

3 So all the elders of Iſrael came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the Lord: and they anointed David king over Iſrael.

4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah ſeven years and ſix months: and in Jeruſalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Iſrael and Judah.

6 ¶ And the king and his men went to Jeruſalem, unto the Jebuſites, the inhabitants of the land: which ſpake unto David, ſaying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou ſhalt not come in hither: thinking David cannot come in hither.

7 Nevertheleſs, David took the ſtrong hold of Zion: the ſame is the city of David.

8 And David ſaid on that day, Whoſoever getteth up to the gutter, and ſmiteth the Jebuſites, and the lame and the blind, that are hated of David's ſoul, he ſhall be chief and captain. Wherefore they ſaid, The blind and the lame ſhall not come into the houſe.

9 So David dwelt in the fort, and called it, The city of David. And David built round about, from Millo and inward.

10 And David went on, and grew great, and the Lord God of hoſts was with him.

11 And Hiram king of Tyre ſent meſſengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and maſons: and they built David an houſe.

12 And David perceived that the Lord had eſtabliſhed him king over Iſrael, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Iſrael's ſake.

13 And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jeruſalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet ſons and daughters born to David.

14 And theſe be the names of thoſe that were born unto him in Jeruſalem; Shammuah, and Shobah, and Nathan, and Solomon,

15 Ibhar alſo, and Eliſhua, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

16 And Eliſhama, and Eliada, and Eliphalet.

17 But when the Philiſtines heard that they had anointed David king over Iſrael, all the Philiſtines came up to ſeek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold.

18 The Philiſtines alſo came and ſpread themſelves in the valley of Rephaim.

Blind and the lame, ver. 6.] We will ſet only blind and lame perſons to defend it, and ſee if thou canſt take it even of them.

19 And David enquired of the Lord, ſaying, Shall I go up to the Philiſtines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the Lord ſaid unto David, Go up: for I will doubtleſs deliver the Philiſtines into thine hand.

20 And David came to Baal-perazim, and David ſmote them there, and ſaid, The Lord hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baal-perazim.

21 And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them.

22 And the Philiſtines came up yet again, and ſpread themſelves in the valley of Rephaim.

23 And when David enquired of the Lord, he ſaid, Thou ſhalt not go up; but fetch a compaſs behind them, and come upon them over-againſt the mulberry trees.

24 And let it be when thou heareſt the ſound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou ſhalt beſtir thyſelf: for then ſhall the Lord go out before thee to ſmite the hoſt of the Philiſtines.

25 And David did ſo as the Lord had commanded him; and ſmote the Philiſtines from Geba until thou come to Gazar.

CHAP. VI.

David fetcheth the ark from Kirjath-jearim on a new cart, &c.

AGAIN, David gathered together all the choſen men of Iſrael, thirty thouſand.

2 And David aroſe, and went with all the people that were with him, from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whoſe name is called by the name of the Lord of hoſts that dwelleth between the cherubims.

3 And they ſet the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the houſe of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the ſons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.

4 And they brought it out of the houſe of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark.

5 And David, and all the houſe of Iſrael, played before the Lord on all manner of inſtruments made of fir-wood, even on harps, and on pſalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

6 ¶ And when they came to Nachon's threſhing-floor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it: for the oxen ſhook it.

7 And the anger of the Lord was kindled againſt Uzzah: and God ſmote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.

8 And David was diſpleaſed, becauſe the Lord had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perez-uzzah to this day.

9 And David was afraid of the Lord that day, and ſaid, How ſhall the ark of the Lord come to me?

10 So David would not remove the ark of the Lord unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aſide into the houſe of Obed-edom the Gittite.

Upon a new cart, ver. 3.] To ſpare them the labour of carrying it on their ſhoulders, which was a great ſin in them, though perhaps not in the Philiſtines, who did not enjoy ſuch means of knowledge.

11 And the ark of the Lord continued in the houſe of Obed-edom the Gittite three months: and the Lord bleſſed Obed-edom and all his houſhold.

12 ¶ And it was told king David, ſaying, The Lord hath bleſſed the houſe of Obed-edom, and all that pertaineth unto him, becauſe of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the houſe of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladneſs.

13 And it was ſo, that when they that bare the ark of the Lord had gone ſix paces, he ſacrificed oxen and fatlings.

14 And David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.

15 So David and all the houſe of Iſrael brought up the ark of the Lord with ſhouting and with the ſound of the trumpet.

16 And as the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window, and ſaw king David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and ſhe deſpiſed him in her heart.

17 And they brought in the ark of the Lord, and ſet it in his place, in the midſt of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before the Lord.

18 And as ſoon as David had made an end of offering burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, he bleſſed the people in the name of the Lord of hoſts.

19 And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Iſrael, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of fleſh, and a flagon of wine. So all the people departed every one to his houſe.

20 ¶ Then David returned to bleſs his houſhold. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and ſaid, How glorious was the king of Iſrael to-day, who uncovered himſelf to-day in the eyes of the handmaids of his ſervants, as one of the vain fellows ſhameleſsly uncovered himſelf!

21 And David ſaid unto Michal, It was before the Lord, which choſe me before thy father, and before all his houſe, to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Iſrael: therefore will I play before the Lord.

22 And I will be yet more vile than thus, and will be baſe in mine own ſight: and of the maid-ſervants which thou haſt ſpoken of, of them ſhall I be had in honour.

23 Therefore Michal, the daughter of Saul, had no child until the day of her death.

CHAP. VII.

God forbiddeth David to build him an houſe, &c.

AND it came to paſs, when the king ſat in his houſe, and the Lord had given him reſt round about from all his enemies;

2 That the king ſaid unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an

David was girded with a linen ephod, ver. 14.] In token of his devotion, and that he willingly owned himſelf to be God's ſervant.

houſe of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains.

3 And Nathan ſaid to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart: for the Lord is with thee.

4 And it came to paſs that night, that the word of the Lord came unto Nathan, ſaying,

5 Go, and tell my ſervant David, Thus ſaith the Lord, Shalt thou build me an houſe for me to dwell in?

6 Whereas I have not dwelt in any houſe, ſince the time that I brought up the children of Iſrael out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

7 In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Iſrael, ſpake I a word with any of the tribes of Iſrael, whom I commanded to feed my people Iſrael, ſaying, Why build ye not me an houſe of cedar?

8 Now therefore, ſo ſhalt thou ſay unto my ſervant David, Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſts, I took thee from the ſheep-cote, from following the ſheep, to be ruler over my people, over Iſrael:

9 And I was with thee whitherſoever thou wenteſt, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy ſight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth.

10 Moreover, I will appoint a place for my people Iſrael: and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more: neither ſhall the children of wickedneſs afflict them any more, as before-time.

11 And as ſince the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Iſrael, and have cauſed thee to reſt from all thine enemies. Alſo the Lord telleth thee, that he will make thee an houſe.

12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou ſhalt ſleep with thy fathers, I will ſet up thy ſeed after thee, which ſhall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will eſtabliſh his kingdom.

13 He ſhall build an houſe for my name, and I will ſtabliſh the throne of his kingdom for ever.

14 I will be his father, and he ſhall be my ſon. If he commit iniquity, I will chaſten him with the rod of men, and with the ſtripes of the children of men:

15 But my mercy ſhall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

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6 Then David put garriſons in Syria of Damaſcus: and the Syrians became ſervants to David, and brought gifts. And the Lord preſerved David whitherſoever he went.

7 And David took the ſhields of gold that were on the ſervants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jeruſalem.

8 And from Betah and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much braſs.

9 When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had ſmitten all the hoſt of Hadadezer,

10 Then Toi ſent Joram his ſon unto king David, to ſalute him, and to bleſs him, becauſe he had fought againſt Hadadezer, and ſmitten him: for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. And Joram brought with him veſſels of ſilver, and veſſels of gold, and veſſels of braſs:

11 Which alſo king David did dedicate unto the Lord, with the ſilver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations which he ſubdued;

12 Of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philiſtines, and of Amalek, and of the ſpoil of Hadadezer ſon of Rehob, king of Zobah.

13 And David gat him a name when he returned from ſmiting of the Syrians, in the valley of ſalt, being eighteen thouſand men.

14 And he put garriſons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garriſons, and all they of Edom became David's ſervants. And the Lord preſerved David whitherſoever he went.

15 And David reigned over all Iſrael, and David executed judgement and juſtice unto all his people.

16 ¶ And Joab the ſon of Zeruiah was over the hoſt; and Jehoſhaphat, the ſon of Ahilud, was recorder;

17 And Zadok the ſon of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the ſon of Abiathar, were the prieſts; and Seraiah was the ſcribe;

18 And Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada was over both the Cherethites, and the Pelethites; and David's ſons were chief rulers.

CHAP. IX.

David ſendeth for Mephiboſheth, and for Jonathan's ſake reſtoreth him.

AND David ſaid, Is there yet any that is left of the houſe of Saul, that I may ſhew him kindneſs for Jonathan's ſake:

2 And there was of the houſe of Saul, a ſervant whoſe name was Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king ſaid unto him, Art thou Ziba? And he ſaid, Thy ſervant is he.

3 And the king ſaid, Is there not yet any of the houſe of Saul, that I may ſhew the kindneſs of God unto him? And Ziba ſaid unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a ſon, which is lame on his feet.

4 And the king ſaid unto him, Where is he? And Ziba ſaid unto the

Cherethites, and the Pelethites, ver. 18.] Old experienced ſoldiers, which were his life-guard.

king, Behold, he is in the houſe of Machir the ſon of Ammiel, in Lo-debar.

5 Then king David ſent, and fetched him out of the houſe of Machir the ſon of Ammiel, from Lo-debar.

6 Now when Mephiboſheth, the ſon of Jonathan, the ſon of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David ſaid, Mephiboſheth. And he anſwered, Behold thy ſervant.

7 ¶ And David ſaid unto him, Fear not; for I will ſurely ſhew thee kindneſs, for Jonathan thy father's ſake, and will reſtore thee all the land of Saul thy father: and thou ſhalt eat bread at my table continually.

8 And he bowed himſelf, and ſaid, What is thy ſervant, that thou ſhouldeſt look upon ſuch a dead dog as I am?

9 Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's ſervant, and ſaid unto him, I have given unto thy maſter's ſon all that pertained to Saul, and to all his houſe.

10 Thou therefore and thy ſons and thy ſervants ſhall till the land for him, and thou ſhalt bring in the fruits, that thy maſter's ſon may have food to eat: but Mephiboſheth, thy maſter's ſon, ſhall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen ſons, and twenty ſervants.

11 Then ſaid Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his ſervant, ſo ſhall thy ſervant do. As for Mephiboſheth, ſaid the king, he ſhall eat at my table, as one of the king's ſons.

12 And Mephiboſheth had a young ſon, whoſe name was Micha. And all that dwelt in the houſe of Ziba were ſervants unto Mephiboſheth.

13 So Mephiboſheth dwelt in Jeruſalem, for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

CHAP. X.

David's meſſengers ſent to comfort Hanun are villainouſly intreated, &c.

AND it came to paſs after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

2 Then ſaid David, I will ſhew kindneſs unto Hanun, the ſon of Nahaſh, as his father ſhewed kindneſs unto me. And David ſent to comfort him by the hand of his ſervants, for his father. And David's ſervants came into the land of the children of Ammon.

3 And the princes of the children of Ammon ſaid unto Hanun their lord, Thinkeſt thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath ſent comforters unto thee? hath not David rather ſent his ſervants unto thee to ſearch the city, and to ſpy it out, and to overthrow it?

4 Wherefore Hanun took David's ſervants, and ſhaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and ſent them away.

5 When they told it unto David, he ſent to meet them, becauſe the men were greatly aſhamed. And the king

ſaid, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.

6 ¶ And when the children of Ammon ſaw that they ſtank before David, the children of Ammon ſent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zobah, twenty thouſand footmen, and of king Maacah a thouſand men, and of Iſh-tob twelve thouſand men.

7 And when David heard of it he ſent Joab, and all the hoſt of the mighty men.

8 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entering-in of the gate: and the Syrians of Zobah and of Rehob, and Iſh-tob, and Maacah, were by themſelves in the field.

9 When Joab ſaw that the front of the battle was againſt him before and behind, he choſe of all the choice men of Iſrael, and put them in array againſt the Syrians.

10 And the reſt of the people he delivered into the hand of Abiſhai his brother, that he might put them in array againſt the children of Ammon.

11 And he ſaid, If the Syrians be too ſtrong for me, then thou ſhalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too ſtrong for thee, then I will come and help thee.

12 Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the Lord do that which ſeemeth him good.

13 And Joab drew nigh, and the people that were with him, unto the battle againſt the Syrians: and they fled before him.

14 And when the children of Ammon ſaw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they alſo before Abiſhai, and entered into the city. So Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jeruſalem.

15 ¶ And when the Syrians ſaw that they were ſmitten before Iſrael, they gathered themſelves together.

16 And Hadarezer ſent, and brought out the Syrians that were beyond the river: and they came to Helam; and Shobach the captain of the hoſt of Hadarezer went before them.

17 And when it was told David, he gathered all Iſrael together, and paſſed over Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians ſet themſelves in array againſt David, and fought with him.

18 And the Syrians fled before Iſrael; and David ſlew the men of ſeven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thouſand horſemen, and ſmote Shobach the captain of their hoſt; who died there.

19 And when all the kings that were ſervants to Hadarezer ſaw that they were ſmitten before Iſrael, they made peace with Iſrael, and ſerved them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

CHAP. XI.

Joab beſiegeth Rabbah.

AND it came to paſs, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David ſent Joab and his ſervants with him, and all Iſ-

* Slew the men of ſeven hundred chariots, ver. 18.] *i. e.* Seven thouſand; there being ten in a chariot.

rael: and they deſtroyed the children of Ammon, and beſieged Rabbah. But David tarried ſtill at Jeruſalem.

2 ¶ And it came to paſs in an even-ing-tide, that David aroſe from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's houſe: and from the roof he ſaw a woman waſhing herſelf; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.

3 And David ſent and enquired after the woman. And one ſaid, Is not this Bath-ſheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

4 And David ſent meſſengers and took her. And ſhe came in unto him, and he lay with her, (for ſhe was purified from her uncleanneſs) and ſhe returned unto her houſe.

5 And the woman conceived, and ſent and told David, and ſaid, I am with child.

6 ¶ And David ſent to Joab, ſaying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab ſent Uriah to David.

7 And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him, how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war proſpered.

8 And David ſaid to Uriah, Go down to thy houſe, and waſh thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's houſe, and there followed him a meſs of meat from the king.

9 But Uriah ſlept at the door of the king's houſe with all the ſervants of his lord, and went not down to his houſe.

10 And when they had told David, ſaying, Uriah went not down unto his houſe, David ſaid unto Uriah, Cameſt thou not from thy journey? why then didſt thou not go down unto thine houſe?

11 And Uriah ſaid unto David, The ark, and Iſrael, and Judah abide in tents; and my lord Joab and the ſervants of my lord are encamped in the open fields; ſhall I then go into mine houſe, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou liveſt, and as thy ſoul liveth, I will not do this thing.

12 And David ſaid to Uriah, Tarry here to-day alſo, and to-morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jeruſalem that day and the morrow.

13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the ſervants of his lord, but went not down to his houſe.

14 And it came to paſs in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and ſent it by the hand of Uriah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, ſaying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hotteſt battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be ſmitten, and die.

16 And it came to paſs when Joab obſerved the city, that he aſſigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were.

17 And the men of the city went out and fought with Joab: and there fell ſome of the people of the ſervants of David, and Uriah the Hittite died alſo.

18 Then Joab ſent and told David all the things concerning the war;

David ſent meſſengers, &c. ver. 4.] Pretending, perhaps, ſome other buſineſs, but, when ſhe was with him, allured her to his wickedneſs.

19 And charged the meſſenger, ſaying, When thou haſt made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king;

20 And if ſo be that the king's wrath ariſe, and he ſay unto thee, Wherefore approached ye ſo nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would ſhoot from the wall?

21 Who ſmote Abimelech the ſon of Jerubbeſheth? did not a woman caſt a piece of a mill-ſtone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall? then ſay thou, Thy ſervant Uriah the Hittite is dead alſo.

22 So the meſſenger went, and came and ſhewed David all that Joab had ſent him for.

23 And the meſſenger ſaid unto David, Surely the men prevailed againſt us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate.

24 And the ſhooters ſhot from off the wall upon thy ſervants; and ſome of the king's ſervants be dead; and thy ſervant Uriah the Hittite is dead alſo.

25 Then David ſaid unto the meſſenger, Thus ſhalt thou ſay unto Joab, Let not this thing diſpleaſe thee; for the ſword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more ſtrong againſt the city, and overthrow it; and encourage thou him.

26 ¶ And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her huſband was dead, ſhe mourned for her huſband.

27 And when the mourning was paſt, David ſent and fetched her to his houſe, and ſhe became his wife, and bare him a ſon. But the thing that David had done diſpleaſed the Lord.

CHAP. XII.

Nathan's parable, &c.

AND the Lord ſent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and ſaid unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

2 The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds:

3 But the poor man had nothing, ſave one little ewe-lamb, which he had bought and nouriſhed up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his boſom, and was unto him as a daughter.

4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he ſpared to take of his own flock, and of his own herd, to dreſs for the wayfaring-man that was come unto him, but took the poor man's lamb, and dreſſed it for the man that was come to him.

5 And David's anger was greatly kindled againſt the man; and he ſaid to Nathan, As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing ſhall ſurely die:

6 And he ſhall reſtore the lamb fourfold, becauſe he did this thing, and becauſe he had no pity.

7 ¶ And Nathan ſaid to David, Thou art the man. Thus ſaith the Lord God

There were two men, &c. ver. 1.] By this parable Nathan brings David to paſs ſentence againſt himſelf (ver. 5); as Chriſt alſo compelled the Jews to do.

of Iſrael; I anointed thee king over Iſrael, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

8 And I gave thee thy maſter's houſe, and thy maſter's wives into thy boſom, and gave thee the houſe of Iſrael, and of Judah: and if that had been too little, I would, moreover, have given unto thee ſuch and ſuch things.

9 Wherefore haſt thou deſpiſed the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his ſight? thou haſt killed Uriah the Hittite with the ſword, and haſt taken his wife to be thy wife, and haſt ſlain him with the ſword of the children of Ammon.

10 Now therefore the ſword ſhall never depart from thine houſe; becauſe thou haſt deſpiſed me, and haſt taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

11 Thus ſaith the Lord, Behold, I will raiſe up evil againſt thee out of thine own houſe, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he ſhall lie with thy wives in the ſight of this ſun.

12 For thou didſt it ſecretly: but I will do this thing before all Iſrael, and before the ſun.

13 And David ſaid unto Nathan, I have ſinned againſt the Lord. And Nathan ſaid unto David, The Lord alſo hath put away thy ſin: thou ſhalt not die.

14 Howbeit, becauſe by this deed thou haſt given great occaſion to the enemies of the Lord to blaſpheme, the child alſo that is born unto thee ſhall ſurely die.

15 And Nathan departed unto his houſe. And the Lord ſtruck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very ſick.

16 David therefore beſought God for the child; and David faſted and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.

17 And the elders of his houſe aroſe, and went to him, to raiſe him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

18 And it came to paſs on the ſeventh day that the child died. And the ſervants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they ſaid, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we ſpake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himſelf, if we tell him that the child is dead?

19 But when David ſaw that his ſervants whiſpered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David ſaid unto his ſervants, Is the child dead? And they ſaid, He is dead.

20 Then David aroſe from the earth, and waſhed, and anointed himſelf, and changed his apparel, and came into the houſe of the Lord; and worſhipped: then he came to his own houſe; and when he required, they ſet bread before him, and he did eat.

21 Then ſaid his ſervants unto him, What thing is this that thou haſt done? thou didſt faſt and weep for the child while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didſt riſe and eat bread.

22 And he ſaid, While the child was yet alive, I faſted and wept: for I

To blaſpheme, ver. 14.] To reproach religion, as if it countenanced ſuch practices.

ſaid, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

23 But now he is dead, wherefore ſhould I faſt? can I bring him back again? I ſhall go to him, but he ſhall not return to me.

24 ¶ And David comforted Bathſheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and ſhe bare a ſon, and he called his name Solomon: and the Lord loved him.

25 And he ſent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah, becauſe of the Lord.

26 ¶ And Joab fought againſt Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.

27 And Joab ſent meſſengers to David, and ſaid, I have fought againſt Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters.

28 Now therefore gather the reſt of the people together, and encamp againſt the city, and take it: leſt I take the city, and it be called after my name.

29 And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought againſt it, and took it.

30 And he took their king's crown from off his head; the weight whereof was a talent of gold, with the precious ſtones: and it was ſet on David's head. And he brought forth the ſpoil of the city in great abundance.

31 And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under ſaws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them paſs through the brick-kiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jeruſalem.

CHAP. XIII.

Amnon loving Tamar, raviſheth her, &c.

AND it came to paſs after this, that Abſalom, the ſon of David, had a fair ſiſter whoſe name was Tamar, and Amnon, the ſon of David, loved her.

2 And Amnon was ſo vexed, that he fell ſick for his ſiſter Tamar; for ſhe was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her.

3 But Amnon had a friend whoſe name was Jonadab, the ſon of Shimeah, David's brother: and Jonadab was a very ſubtil man.

4 And he ſaid unto him, Why art thou, being the king's ſon, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon ſaid unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Abſalom's ſiſter.

5 And Jonadab ſaid unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyſelf ſick. And when thy father cometh to ſee thee, ſay unto him, I pray thee, let my ſiſter Tamar come, and give me meat, and dreſs the meat in my ſight, that I may ſee it, and eat it at her hand.

6 So Amnon lay down, and made himſelf ſick. And when the king was come to ſee him, Amnon ſaid unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my ſiſter come, and make me a couple of cakes in my ſight, that I may eat at her hand.

Hard for him, &c. ver. 2.] A very difficult thing to get an opportunity of ſatisfying his luſt.

7 Then David ſent home to Tamar, ſaying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's houſe, and dreſs him meat.

8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's houſe; and he was laid down. And ſhe took flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his ſight, and did bake the cakes.

9 And ſhe took a pan, and poured them out before him; but he refuſed to eat. And Amnon ſaid, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him.

10 And Amnon ſaid unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which ſhe had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

11 And when ſhe had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and ſaid unto her, Come, lie with me, my ſiſter.

12 And ſhe anſwered him, Nay: my brother, do not force me: for no ſuch thing ought to be done in Iſrael: do not thou this folly.

13 And I, whither ſhall I cauſe my ſhame to go? and as for thee, thou ſhalt be as one of the fools in Iſrael. Now therefore, I pray thee, ſpeak unto the king: for he will not with-hold me from thee.

14 Howbeit, he would not hearken unto her voice; but being ſtronger than ſhe, forced her, and lay with her.

15 ¶ Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; ſo that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon ſaid unto her, Ariſe, be gone.

16 And ſhe ſaid unto him, There is no cauſe: this evil in ſending me away is greater than the other that thou didſt unto me. But he would not hearken unto her.

17 Then he called his ſervant that miniſtered unto him, and ſaid, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her.

18 And ſhe had a garment of divers colours upon her; for with ſuch robes were the king's daughters that were virgins apparelled. Then his ſervant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

19 And Tamar put aſhes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying.

20 And Abſalom her brother ſaid unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my ſiſter: he is thy brother: regard not this thing. So Tamar remained deſolate in her brother Abſalom's houſe.

21 But when king David heard of all theſe things he was very wroth.

22 And Abſalom ſpake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad; for Abſalom hated Amnon, becauſe he had forced his ſiſter Tamar.

23 ¶ And it came to paſs after two full years, that Abſalom had ſheep-ſhearers in Baal-hazor, which is beſide Ephraim: and Abſalom invited all the king's ſons.

Hated her exceedingly, ver. 15.] His conſcience being now filled with horror, and ſenſible of the ſhame that would follow.

24 And Abſalom came to the king, and ſaid, Behold now, thy ſervant hath ſheep-ſhearers; let the king, I beſeech thee, and his ſervants, go with thy ſervant.

25 And the king ſaid to Abſalom, Nay, my ſon, let us not all now go, leſt we be chargeable unto thee. And he preſſed him: howbeit, he would not go, but bleſſed him.

26 Then ſaid Abſalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king ſaid unto him, Why ſhould he go with thee?

27 But Abſalom preſſed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's ſons go with him.

28 Now Abſalom had commanded his ſervants, ſaying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I ſay unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him; fear not; have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant.

29 And the ſervants of Abſalom did unto Amnon as Abſalom had commanded. Then all the king's ſons aroſe, and every man gat him upon his mule, and fled.

30 And it came to paſs, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, ſaying, Abſalom hath ſlain all the king's ſons, and there is not one of them left.

31 Then the king aroſe, and tare his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his ſervants ſtood by with their clothes rent.

32 And Jonadab, the ſon of Shimeah, David's brother, anſwered and ſaid, Let not my lord ſuppoſe that they have ſlain all the young men the king's ſons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Abſalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his ſiſter Tamar.

33 Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's ſons are dead: for Amnon only is dead.

34 But Abſalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, there came much people by the way of the hill-ſide behind him.

35 And Jonadab ſaid unto the king, Behold, the king's ſons come: as thy ſervant ſaid, ſo it is.

36 And it came to paſs as ſoon as he had made an end of ſpeaking, that behold the king's ſons came, and lifted up their voice and wept. And the king alſo, and all his ſervants, wept very ſore.

37 ¶ But Abſalom fled, and went to Talmai, the ſon of Ammihud, king of Geſhur. And David mourned for his ſon every day.

38 So Abſalom fled, and went to Geſhur, and was there three years.

39 And the ſoul of king David longed to go forth unto Abſalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, ſeeing he was dead.

CHAP. XIV.

The widow of Tekoah, &c.

NOW Joab, the ſon of Zeruiah, perceived that the king's heart was toward Abſalom.

Longed to go forth unto Abſalom, ver. 39.] To viſit him, or ſend for him, if he could have done it without impeachment of his honour and juſtice.

2 And Joab ſent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wiſe woman, and ſaid unto her, I pray thee, feign thyſelf to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyſelf with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead:

3 And come to the king, and ſpeak on this manner unto him. So Joab put the words in her mouth.

4 And when the woman of Tekoah ſpake to the king, ſhe fell on her face to the ground, and did obeiſance, and ſaid, Help, O king.

5 And the king ſaid unto her, What aileth thee? And ſhe anſwered, I am indeed a widow woman, and mine huſband is dead.

6 And thy handmaid had two ſons, and they two ſtrove together in the field, and there was none to part them, but the one ſmote the other and ſlew him.

7 And behold, the whole family is riſen againſt thine handmaid, and they ſaid, Deliver him that ſmote his brother, that we may kill him for the life of his brother whom he ſlew; and we will deſtroy the heir alſo: and ſo they ſhall quench my coal which is left, and ſhall not leave to my huſband neither name nor remainder upon the earth.

8 And the king ſaid unto the woman, Go to thine houſe, and I will give charge concerning thee.

9 And the woman of Tekoah ſaid unto the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity be on me, and on my father's houſe: and the king and his throne be guiltleſs.

10 And the king ſaid, Whoſoever ſaith aught unto thee, bring him to me, and he ſhall not touch thee any more.

11 Then ſaid ſhe, I pray thee, let the king remember the Lord thy God, that thou wouldeſt not ſuffer the revengers of blood to deſtroy any more, leſt they deſtroy my ſon. And he ſaid, As the Lord liveth, there ſhall not one hair of thy ſon fall to the earth.

12 Then the woman ſaid, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, ſpeak one word unto my lord the king. And he ſaid, Say on.

13 And the woman ſaid, Wherefore then haſt thou thought ſuch a thing againſt the people of God? for the king doth ſpeak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his baniſhed.

14 For we muſt needs die, and are as water ſpilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again: neither doth God reſpect any perſon; yet doth he deviſe means that his baniſhed be not expelled from him.

15 Now therefore that I am come to ſpeak of this thing unto my lord the king, it is becauſe the people have made me afraid: and thy handmaid ſaid, I will now ſpeak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the requeſt of his handmaid.

16 For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man that would deſtroy me and my ſon together out of the inheritance of God.

The iniquity be on me, ver. 9.] If there be any fault, either in my ſon for what he did, or thyſelf for delivering him, I will bear the guilt of it.

17 Then thine handmaid ſaid, The word of my lord the king ſhall now be comfortable: for as an angel of God, ſo is my lord the king to diſcern good and bad: therefore the Lord thy God will be with thee.

18 Then the king anſwered and ſaid unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I ſhall aſk thee. And the woman ſaid, Let my lord the king now ſpeak.

19 And the king ſaid, Is not the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman anſwered and ſaid, As thy ſoul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from aught that my lord the king hath ſpoken: for thy ſervant Joab he bade me, and he put all theſe words in the mouth of thine handmaid:

20 To fetch about this form of ſpeech hath thy ſervant Joab done this thing: and my lord is wiſe, according to the wiſdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth.

21 ¶ And the king ſaid unto Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing: go, therefore, bring the young man Abſalom again.

22 And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himſelf, and thanked the king. And Joab ſaid, To-day thy ſervant knoweth that I have found grace in thy ſight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the requeſt of his ſervant.

23 So Joab aroſe, and went to Geſhur, and brought Abſalom to Jeruſalem.

24 And the king ſaid, Let him turn to his own houſe, and let him not ſee my face. So Abſalom returned to his own houſe, and ſaw not the king's face.

25 But in all Iſrael there was none to be ſo much praiſed as Abſalom for his beauty; from the ſole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemiſh in him.

26 And when he polled his head, (for it was at every year's end that he polled it: becauſe the hair was heavy on him, therefore he polled it:) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred ſhekels after the king's weight.

27 And unto Abſalom there were born three ſons, and one daughter, whoſe name was Tamar: ſhe was a woman of a fair countenance.

28 So Abſalom dwelt two full years in Jeruſalem, and ſaw not the king's face.

29 Therefore Abſalom ſent for Joab, to have ſent him to the king: but he would not come to him: and when he ſent again the ſecond time, he would not come.

30 Therefore he ſaid unto his ſervants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go, and ſet it on fire. And Abſalom's ſervants ſet the field on fire.

31 Then Joab aroſe and came to Abſalom unto his houſe, and ſaid unto him, Wherefore have thy ſervants ſet my field on fire?

32 And Abſalom anſwered Joab, Behold, I ſent unto thee, ſaying, Come

hither, that I may ſend thee to the king, to ſay, Wherefore am I come from Geſhur? it had been good for me to have been there ſtill: now therefore let me ſee the king's face; and if there be any iniquity in me, let him kill me.

33 So Joab came to the king, and told him. And when he had called for Abſalom, he came to the king, and bowed himſelf on his face to the ground before the king. And the king kiſſed Abſalom.

CHAP. XV.

Abſalom ſtealeth the hearts of Iſrael.

AND it came to paſs after this, that Abſalom prepared him chariots and horſes, and fifty men to run before him.

2 And Abſalom roſe up early, and ſtood beſide the way of the gate: and it was ſo, that when any man that had a controverſy came to the king for judgement, then Abſalom called unto him, and ſaid, Of what city art thou? And he ſaid, Thy ſervant is of one of the tribes of Iſrael.

3 And Abſalom ſaid unto him, See thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee.

4 Abſalom ſaid, moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any ſuit or cauſe might come unto me, and I would do him juſtice!

5 And it was ſo, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeiſance, he put forth his hand, and took him and kiſſed him.

6 And on this manner did Abſalom to all Iſrael that came to the king for judgement. So Abſalom ſtole the hearts of the men of Iſrael.

7 And it came to paſs after forty years, that Abſalom ſaid unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the Lord, in Hebron.

8 For thy ſervant vowed a vow while I abode at Geſhur in Syria, ſaying, If the Lord ſhall bring me again indeed to Jeruſalem, then I will ſerve the Lord.

9 And the king ſaid unto him, Go in peace. So he aroſe and went to Hebron.

10 ¶ But Abſalom ſent ſpies throughout all the tribes of Iſrael, ſaying, As ſoon as ye hear the ſound of the trumpet, then ye ſhall ſay, Abſalom reigneth in Hebron.

11 And with Abſalom went two hundred men out of Jeruſalem, that were called: and they went in their ſimplicity, and they knew not any thing.

12 And Abſalom ſent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counſellor, from the city, even from Giloh, while he offered ſacrifices. And the conſpiracy was ſtrong; for the people increaſed continually with Abſalom.

13 ¶ And there came a meſſenger to David, ſaying, The hearts of the men of Iſrael are after Abſalom.

14 And David ſaid unto all his ſervants that were with him at Jeruſalem,

Abſalom ſent ſpies, &c. ver. 10.] To diſcover how the people ſtood affected to him, and to perſuade them to aſſiſt and abide by him.

Ariſe, and let us flee: for we ſhall not elſe eſcape from Abſalom: make ſpeed to depart, leſt he overtake us ſuddenly, and bring evil upon us, and ſmite the city with the edge of the ſword.

15 And the king's ſervants ſaid unto the king, Behold, thy ſervants are ready to do whatſoever my lord the king ſhall appoint.

16 And the king went forth, and all his houſhold after him. And the king left ten women which were concubines to keep the houſe.

17 And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off.

18 And all his ſervants paſſed on beſide him: and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, ſix hundred men which came after him from Gath, paſſed on before the king.

19 Then ſaid the king to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goeſt thou alſo with us? return to thy place, and abide with the king: for thou art a ſtranger, and alſo an exile.

20 Whereas thou cameſt but yeſterday, ſhould I this day make thee go up and down with us? ſeeing I go whither I may; return thou, and take back thy brethren: mercy and truth be with thee.

21 And Ittai anſwered the king, and ſaid, As the Lord liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, ſurely in what place my lord the king ſhall be, whether in death or life, even there alſo will thy ſervant be.

22 And David ſaid to Ittai, Go, and paſs over. And Ittai the Gittite paſſed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that were with him.

23 And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people paſſed over. The king alſo himſelf paſſed over the brook Kidron, and all the people paſſed over, toward the way of the wilderneſs.

24 And lo, Zadok alſo, and all the Levites were with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God: and they ſet down the ark of God: and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done paſſing out of the city.

25 And the king ſaid unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I ſhall find favour in the eyes of the Lord, he will bring me again, and ſhew me both it, and his habitation:

26 But if he thus ſay, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let him do to me as ſeemeth good unto him.

27 The king ſaid alſo unto Zadok the prieſt, Art not thou a ſeer? return into the city in peace, and your two ſons with you, Ahimaaz thy ſon, and Jonathan the ſon of Abiathar.

28 See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderneſs, until there come word from you to certify me.

29 Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jeruſalem; and they tarried there.

30 And David went up by the aſcent of mount Olivet, and wept as he went

Art not thou a ſeer? ver. 27.] Since thou art chiefly employed in the public worſhip of God, therefore I will diſpenſe with thy abſence, and not take thee from thy employment.

up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot. And all the people that was with him covered every man his head, and they went up weeping as they went up.

31 And one told David, ſaying, Ahithophel is among the conſpirators with Abſalom. And David ſaid, O Lord, I pray thee, turn the counſel of Ahithophel into fooliſhneſs.

32 And it came to paſs, that when David was come to the top of the mount, where he worſhipped God, behold, Huſhai the Archite came to meet him, with his coat rent, and earth upon his head:

33 Unto whom David ſaid, If thou paſſeſt on with me, then thou ſhalt be a burden unto me:

34 But if thou return to the city, and ſay unto Abſalom, I will be thy ſervant, O king; as I have been thy father's ſervant hitherto, ſo will I now alſo be thy ſervant; then mayeſt thou for me defeat the counſel of Ahithophel.

35 And haſt thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the prieſts? therefore it ſhall be, that what thing ſoever thou ſhalt hear out of the king's houſe, thou ſhalt tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the prieſts.

36 Behold, they have there with them their two ſons, Ahimaaz Zadok's ſon, and Jonathan Abiathar's ſon: and by them ye ſhall ſend unto me every thing that ye can hear.

37 So Huſhai, David's friend, came into the city, and Abſalom came into Jeruſalem.

CHAP. XVI.

Ziba, by falſe ſuggeſtions, obtaineth his maſter's inheritance.

AND when David was a little paſt the top of the hill, behold, Ziba the ſervant of Mephiboſheth met him with a couple of aſſes ſaddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and an hundred bunches of raiſins, and an hundred of ſummer-fruits, and a bottle of wine.

2 And the king ſaid unto Ziba, What meaneſt thou by theſe? And Ziba ſaid, The aſſes be for the king's houſhold to ride on; and the bread and ſummer-fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that ſuch as be faint in the wilderneſs may drink.

3 And the king ſaid, And where is thy maſter's ſon? And Ziba ſaid unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jeruſalem; for he ſaid, To-day ſhall the houſe of Iſrael reſtore me the kingdom of my father.

4 Then ſaid the king to Ziba, Behold, thine are all that pertained unto Mephiboſheth. And Ziba ſaid, I humbly beſeech thee, that I may find grace in thy ſight, my lord, O king.

5 ¶ And when king David came to Bahurim, behold thence came out a man of the family of the houſe of Saul, whoſe name was Shimei, the ſon of Gera: he came forth and curſed ſtill as he came.

6 And he caſt ſtones at David, and at all the ſervants of king David: and all

all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left.

7 And thus ſaid Shimei when he curſed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial:

8 The Lord hath returned upon thee all the blood of the houſe of Saul, in whoſe ſtead thou haſt reigned; and the Lord hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Abſalom thy ſon; and behold, thou art taken in thy miſchief, becauſe thou art a bloody man.

9 ¶ Then ſaid Abiſhai, the ſon of Zeruiah, unto the king, Why ſhould this dead dog curſe my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head.

10 And the king ſaid, What have I to do with you, ye ſons of Zeruiah? ſo let him curſe, becauſe the Lord hath ſaid unto him, Curſe David. Who ſhall then ſay, Wherefore haſt thou done ſo?

11 And David ſaid to Abiſhai, and to all his ſervants, Behold, my ſon, which came forth of my bowels, ſeeketh my life: how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curſe: for the Lord hath bidden him.

12 It may be that the Lord will look on mine affliction, and that the Lord will requite me good for his curſing this day.

13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's ſide over againſt him, and curſed as he went, and threw ſtones at him, and caſt duſt.

14 And the king and all the people that were with him came weary, and refreſhed themſelves there.

15 And Abſalom and all the people the men of Iſrael came to Jeruſalem, and Ahithophel with him.

16 And it came to paſs when Huſhai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Abſalom, that Huſhai ſaid unto Abſalom, God ſave the king, God ſave the king.

17 And Abſalom ſaid to Huſhai, Is this thy kindneſs to thy friend? why wenteſt thou not with thy friend?

18 And Huſhai ſaid unto Abſalom, Nay; but whom the Lord and this people and all the men of Iſrael chooſe, his will I be, and with him will I abide.

19 And again, whom ſhould I ſerve? ſhould I not ſerve in the preſence of his ſon? as I have ſerved in thy father's preſence, ſo will I be in thy preſence.

20 ¶ Then ſaid Abſalom to Ahithophel, Give counſel among you what we ſhall do.

21 And Ahithophel ſaid unto Abſalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the houſe; and all Iſrael ſhall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then ſhall the hands of all that are with thee be ſtrong.

22 So they ſpread Abſalom a tent upon the top of the houſe; and Abſalom went in unto his father's concubines, in the ſight of all Iſrael.

23 And the counſel of Ahithophel, which he counſelled in thoſe days, was as if a man had enquired at the oracle

What have I to do with you, ver. 10.] Don't concern yourſelves with my affairs, but let me alone to do what I think fit.

of God: ſo was all the counſel of Ahithophel both with David and with Abſalom.

CHAP. XVII.

Ahithophel's counſel is overthrown by Huſhai's, according to God's appointment.

MOREOVER, Ahithophel ſaid unto Abſalom, Let me now chooſe out twelve thouſand men, and I will ariſe and purſue after David this night.

2 And I will come upon him while he is weary and weak-handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that are with him ſhall flee; and I will ſmite the king only:

3 And I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou ſeekeſt is as if all returned: ſo all the people ſhall be in peace.

4 And the ſaying pleaſed Abſalom well, and all the elders of Iſrael.

5 Then ſaid Abſalom, Call now Huſhai the Archite alſo, and let us hear likewiſe what he ſaith.

6 And when Huſhai was come to Abſalom, Abſalom ſpake unto him, ſaying, Ahithophel hath ſpoken after this manner; ſhall we do after his ſaying? if not, ſpeak thou.

7 And Huſhai ſaid unto Abſalom, The counſel that Ahithophel hath given is not good at this time.

8 For, ſaid Huſhai, thou knoweſt thy father and his men, that they be mighty men, and they be chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people.

9 Behold, he is hid now in ſome pit, or in ſome other place; and it will come to paſs, when ſome of them be overthrown at the firſt, that whoſoever heareth it, will ſay, There is a ſlaughter among the people that follow Abſalom.

10 And he alſo that is valiant, whoſe heart is as the heart of a lion, ſhall utterly melt: for all Iſrael knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they which be with him are valiant men.

11 Therefore I counſel that all Iſrael be generally gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Beer-ſheba, as the ſand that is by the ſea for multitude; and that thou go to battle in thine own perſon.

12 So ſhall we come upon him in ſome place where he ſhall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him, and of all the men that are with him, there ſhall not be left ſo much as one.

13 Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then ſhall all Iſrael bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one ſmall ſtone found there.

14 And Abſalom, and all the men of Iſrael, ſaid, The counſel of Huſhai, the Archite, is better than the counſel of Ahithophel. For the Lord had appointed to defeat the good counſel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the Lord might bring evil upon Abſalom.

Chafed in their minds, ver. 8.] Enraged and deſperate, and therefore reſolved to ſell their lives at a dear rate.

15 ¶ Then ſaid Huſhai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the prieſts, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counſel Abſalom and the elders of Iſrael; and thus and thus have I counſelled.

16 Now therefore ſend quickly, and tell David, ſaying, Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderneſs, but ſpeedily paſs over; leſt the king be ſwallowed up, and all the people that are with him.

17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz ſtayed by En-rogel: for they might not be ſeen to come into the city: and a wench went and told them: and they went and told king David.

18 Nevertheleſs, a lad ſaw them, and told Abſalom: but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a man's houſe in Bahurim, which had a well in his court; whither they went down.

19 And the woman took and ſpread a covering over the well's mouth, and ſpread ground corn thereon: and the thing was not known.

20 And when Abſalom's ſervants came to the woman to the houſe, they ſaid, Where is Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman ſaid unto them, They be gone over the brook of water. And when they had ſought and could not find them, they returned to Jeruſalem.

21 And it came to paſs, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and ſaid unto David, Ariſe, and paſs quickly over the water: for thus hath Ahithophel counſelled againſt you.

22 Then David aroſe, and all the people that were with him, and they paſſed over Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan.

23 ¶ And when Ahithophel ſaw that his counſel was not followed, he ſaddled his aſs, and aroſe, and gat him home to his houſe, to his city, and put his houſhold in order, and hanged himſelf, and died, and was buried in the ſepulchre of his father.

24 Then David came to Mahanaim. And Abſalom paſſed over Jordan, he and all the men of Iſrael with him.

25 And Abſalom made Amaſa captain of the hoſt inſtead of Joab. Which Amaſa was a man's ſon whoſe name was Ithra, an Iſraelite, that went in to Abigail the daughter of Nahaſh, ſiſter to Zeruiah, Joab's mother.

26 So Iſrael and Abſalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

27 And it came to paſs, when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi, the ſon of Nahaſh, of Rabbah, of the children of Ammon, and Machir, the ſon of Ammiel, of Lo-debar, and Barzillai, the Gileadite, of Rogelim,

28 Brought beds, and baſons, and earthen veſſels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched corn, and beans, and lentiles, and parched pulſe,

29 And honey, and butter, and ſheep, and cheeſe of kine, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat. For they ſaid, The people is hungry, and weary, and thirſty, in the wilderneſs.

CHAP. XVIII.

David viewing the armies, giveth them charge of Abſalom.

AND David numbered the people that were with him, and ſet captains of thouſands, and captains of hundreds over them.

2 And David ſent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abiſhai, the ſon of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king ſaid unto the people, I will ſurely go forth with you myſelf alſo.

3 But the people anſwered, Thou ſhalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us; but now thou art worth ten thouſand of us: therefore now it is better that thou ſuccour us out of the city.

4 And the king ſaid unto them, What ſeemeth you beſt I will do. And the king ſtood by the gate-ſide, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thouſands.

5 And the king commanded Joab, and Abiſhai, and Ittai, ſaying, Deal gently, for my ſake, with the young man, even with Abſalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Abſalom.

6 So the people went out into the field againſt Iſrael: and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim;

7 Where the people of Iſrael were ſlain before the ſervants of David, and there was there a great ſlaughter that day of twenty thouſand men.

8 For the battle was there ſcattered over the face of all the country: and the wood devoured more people that day than the ſword devoured.

9 ¶ And Abſalom met the ſervants of David. And Abſalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away.

10 And a certain man ſaw it, and told Joab, and ſaid, Behold, I ſaw Abſalom hanged in an oak.

11 And Joab ſaid unto the man that told him, And behold, thou ſaweſt him, and why didſt thou not ſmite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten ſhekels of ſilver, and a girdle.

12 And the man ſaid unto Joab, Though I ſhould receive a thouſand ſhekels of ſilver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand againſt the king's ſon: for in our hearing the king charged thee, and Abiſhai, and Ittai, ſaying, Beware that none touch the young man Abſalom.

13 Otherwiſe, I ſhould have wrought falſhood againſt mine own life; for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyſelf wouldeſt have ſet thyſelf againſt me.

14 Then ſaid Joab, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three

The wood devoured more people, &c. ver. 8.] By hunger, wild beaſts, falling into pits, &c. &c.

darts in his hand, and thruſt them through the heart of Abſalom, while he was yet alive in the midſt of the oak.

15 And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compaſſed about and ſmote Abſalom, and ſlew him.

16 And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from purſuing after Iſrael; for Joab held back the people.

17 And they took Abſalom, and caſt him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of ſtones upon him: and all Iſrael fled every one to his tent.

18 Now Abſalom in his life-time had taken and reared up for himſelf a pillar, which is in the king's dale: for he ſaid, I have no ſon to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name. And it is called unto this day, Abſalom's place.

19 Then ſaid Ahimaaz the ſon of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the Lord hath avenged him of his enemies.

20 And Joab ſaid unto him, Thou ſhalt not bear tidings this day, but thou ſhalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou ſhalt bear no tidings, becauſe the king's ſon is dead.

21 Then ſaid Joab to Cuſhi, Go, tell the king what thou haſt ſeen. And Cuſhi bowed himſelf unto Joab, and ran.

22 Then ſaid Ahimaaz, the ſon of Zadok, yet again to Joab, but howſoever, let me, I pray thee, alſo run after Cuſhi. And Joab ſaid, Wherefore wilt thou run, my ſon, ſeeing that thou haſt no tidings ready?

23 But however, ſaid he, let me run. And he ſaid unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain: and over-ran Cuſhi.

24 And David ſat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold a man running alone.

25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king ſaid, If he be alone, there is tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near.

26 And the watchman ſaw another man running; and the watchman called unto the porter, and ſaid, Behold, another man running alone. And the king ſaid, He alſo bringeth tidings.

27 And the watchman ſaid, Methinketh the running of the foremoſt is like the running of Ahimaaz, the ſon of Zadok. And the king ſaid, He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings.

28 And Ahimaaz called, and ſaid unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and ſaid, Bleſſed be the Lord thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand againſt my lord the king.

29 And the king ſaid, Is the young man Abſalom ſafe? And Ahimaaz anſwered, When Joab ſent the king's ſervant, and me thy ſervant, I ſaw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was.

A good man, ver. 27.] A good ſoldier, and would not run away like a coward; and one that loves me well; and therefore would not afflict me with evil tidings.

30 And the king ſaid unto him, Turn aſide, and ſtand here. And he turned aſide, and ſtood ſtill.

31 And behold, Cuſhi came, and Cuſhi ſaid, Tidings, my lord the king: for the Lord hath avenged thee this day of all them that roſe up againſt thee.

32 And the king ſaid unto Cuſhi, Is the young man Abſalom ſafe? And Cuſhi anſwered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that riſe againſt thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is.

33 ¶ And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he ſaid, O my ſon Abſalom, my ſon, my ſon Abſalom! would God I had died for thee, O Abſalom, my ſon, my ſon!

CHAP. XIX.

Joab cauſeth the king to ceaſe his mourning, &c.

AND it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Abſalom.

2 And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard ſay that day how the king was grieved for his ſon.

3 And the people gat them by ſtealth that day into the city, as people being aſhamed ſteal away when they flee in battle.

4 But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my ſon Abſalom, O Abſalom, my ſon, my ſon!

5 And Joab came into the houſe to the king, and ſaid, Thou haſt ſhamed this day the faces of all thy ſervants, which this day have ſaved thy life, and the lives of thy ſons, and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines;

6 In that thou loveſt thine enemies, and hateſt thy friends. For thou haſt declared this day that thou regardeſt neither princes nor ſervants: for this day I perceive that if Abſalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleaſed thee well.

7 Now therefore ariſe, go forth, and ſpeak comfortably unto thy ſervants: for I ſwear by the Lord, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will be worſe unto thee than all the evil that befel thee from thy youth until now.

8 Then the king aroſe, and ſat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, ſaying, Behold, the king doth ſit in the gate. And all the people came before the king: for Iſrael had fled every man to his tent.

9 ¶ And all the people were at ſtrife throughout all the tribes of Iſrael, ſaying, the king ſaved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philiſtines; and now he is fled out of the land for Abſalom.

10 And Abſalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why ſpeak ye not a word of bringing the king back?

Shamed this day the faces of all thy ſervants, ver. 5.] Diſcountenanced them, by undervaluing their ſervices, and diſappointed them of their hopes of reward.

11 ¶ And king David ſent to Zadok and to Abiathar the prieſts, ſaying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, ſaying, Why are ye the laſt to bring the king back to his houſe? ſeeing the ſpeech of all Iſrael is come to the king, even to his houſe.

12 Ye are my brethren, ye are my bones and my fleſh: wherefore then are ye the laſt to bring back the king?

13 And ſay ye to Amaſa, Art thou not of my bone and of my fleſh? God do ſo to me and more alſo, if thou be not captain of the hoſt before me continually in the room of Joab.

14 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as the heart of one man; ſo that they ſent this word unto the king, Return thou, and all thy ſervants.

15 So the king returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan.

16 ¶ And Shimei the ſon of Gera, a Benjamite, which was of Bahurim, haſted and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David.

17 And there were a thouſand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba, the ſervant of the houſe of Saul, and his fifteen ſons, and his twenty ſervants with him: and they went over Jordan before the king.

18 And there went over a ferry-boat to carry over the king's houſhold, and to do what he thought good. And Shimei, the ſon of Gera, fell down before the king as he was come over Jordan;

19 And ſaid unto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy ſervant did perverſely the day that my lord the king went out of Jeruſalem, that the king ſhould take it to his heart;

20 For thy ſervant doth know that I have ſinned: therefore, behold, I am come the firſt this day of all the houſe of Joſeph to go down to meet my lord the king.

21 But Abiſhai, the ſon of Zeruiah, anſwered and ſaid, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, becauſe he curſed the Lord's anointed?

22 And David ſaid, What have I to do with you, ye ſons of Zeruiah, that ye ſhould this day be adverſaries unto me? ſhall there any man be put to death this day in Iſrael? for do not I know that I am this day king over Iſrael?

23 Therefore the king ſaid unto Shimei, Thou ſhalt not die: and the king ſware unto him.

24 And Mephiboſheth, the ſon of Saul, came down to meet the king, and had neither dreſſed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor waſhed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came again in peace.

25 And it came to paſs, when he was come to Jeruſalem to meet the king, that the king ſaid unto him, Wherefore wenteſt not thou with me, Mephiboſheth?

26 And he anſwered, My lord, O king, my ſervant deceived me: for thy ſervant ſaid, I will ſaddle me an aſs,

Adverſaries unto me? ver. 22.] Contradict my will in what I think fit to be done, and put me upon any thing contrary to my preſent intereſt.

that I may ride thereon, and go to the king: becauſe thy ſervant is lame.

27 And he hath ſlandered thy ſervant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king is as an angel of God: do therefore what is good in thine eyes.

28 For all of my father's houſe were but dead men before my lord the king: yet didſt thou ſet thy ſervant among them that did eat at thine own table. What right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king?

29 And the king ſaid unto him, Why ſpeakeſt thou any more of thy matters? I have ſaid, Thou and Ziba divide the land.

30 And Mephiboſheth ſaid unto the king, Yea, let him take all, foraſmuch as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own houſe.

31 And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan.

32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, even fourſcore years old: and he had provided the king of ſuſtenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he was a very great man.

33 And the king ſaid unto Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jeruſalem.

34 And Barzillai ſaid unto the king, How long have I to live, that I ſhould go up with the king unto Jeruſalem?

35 I am this day fourſcore years old: and can I diſcern between good and evil? can thy ſervant taſte what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of ſinging-men and ſinging-women? wherefore then ſhould thy ſervant be yet a burden unto my lord the king?

36 Thy ſervant will go a little way over Jordan with the king: and why ſhould the king recompence it me with ſuch a reward?

37 Let thy ſervant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, and be buried by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold thy ſervant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king, and do to him what ſhall ſeem good unto thee.

38 And the king anſwered, Chimham ſhall go over with me, and I will do to him that which ſhall ſeem good unto thee: and whatſoever thou ſhalt require of me, that will I do for thee.

39 And all the people went over Jordan. And when the king was come over, the king kiſſed Barzillai, and bleſſed him, and he returned unto his own place.

40 Then the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him. And all the people of Judah conducted the king, and alſo half the people of Iſrael.

41 And behold, all the men of Iſrael came to the king, and ſaid unto the king, Why have our brethren the men of Judah ſtolen thee away, and have brought the king and his houſhold, and all David's men with him, over Jordan?

42 And all the men of Judah anſwered the men of Iſrael, Becauſe the king is near of kin to us: wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have

we eaten at all of the king's coſt? or hath he given us any gift?

43 And the men of Iſrael anſwered the men of Judah, and ſaid, We have ten parts in the king, and we have alſo more right in David than ye; why then did ye deſpiſe us, that our advice ſhould not be firſt had in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Iſrael.

CHAP. XX.

Sheba maketh a party in Iſrael.

AND there happened to be there a man of Belial, whoſe name was Sheba, the ſon of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew a trumpet, and ſaid, We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the ſon of Jeſſe: every man to his tents, O Iſrael.

2 So every man of Iſrael went up from after David, and followed Sheba, the ſon of Bichri: but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even to Jeruſalem.

3 And David came to his houſe at Jeruſalem, and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the houſe, and put them in ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So they were ſhut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood.

4 Then ſaid the king to Amaſa, Aſſemble me the men of Judah within three days, and be thou here preſent.

5 So Amaſa went to aſſemble the men of Judah: but he tarried longer than the ſet time which he had appointed him.

6 And David ſaid to Abiſhai, Now ſhall Sheba, the ſon of Bichri, do us more harm than did Abſalom: take thou thy lord's ſervants, and purſue after him, leſt he get him fenced cities, and eſcape us.

7 And there went out after him Joab's men, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men: and they went out of Jeruſalem to purſue after Sheba, the ſon of Bichri.

8 When they were at the great ſtone which is in Gibeon, Amaſa went before them. And Joab's garment that he had put on was girded unto him, and upon it a girdle with a ſword faſtened upon his loins in the ſheath thereof; and as he went forth it fell out.

9 And Joab ſaid to Amaſa, Art thou in health, my brother? and Joab took Amaſa by the beard with the right hand to kiſs him.

10 But Amaſa took no heed to the ſword that was in Joab's hand: ſo he ſmote him therewith in the fifth rib, and ſhed out his bowels to the ground, and ſtruck him not again; and he died. So Joab, and Abiſhai his brother, purſued after Sheba, the ſon of Bichri.

11 And one of Joab's men ſtood by him, and ſaid, He that favoureth Joab, and he that is for David, let him go after Joab.

12 And Amaſa wallowed in blood in the midſt of the high-way. And when the man ſaw that all the people ſtood ſtill, he removed Amaſa out of

We have no part in David, ver. 1.] The tribe of Judah have monopolized the king to themſelves, allowing us no ſhare in him; therefore let us now ſeek out a new king.

the high-way into the field, and caſt a cloth upon him, when he ſaw that every one that came by him ſtood ſtill.

13 When he was removed out of the high-way, all the people went on after Joab, to purſue after Sheba the ſon of Bichri.

14 ¶ And he went through all the tribes of Iſrael unto Abel, and to Beth-maachah, and all the Berites: and they were gathered together, and went alſo after him.

15 And they came and beſieged him in Abel of Beth-maachah, and they caſt up a bank againſt the city, and it ſtood in the trench: and all the people that were with Joab battered the wall, to throw it down,

16 Then cried a wiſe woman out of the city, Hear, hear; ſay, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near hither, that I may ſpeak with thee.

17 And when he was come near unto her, the woman ſaid, Art thou Joab? And he anſwered, I am he. Then ſhe ſaid unto him, Hear the words of thine handmaid. And he anſwered, I do hear.

18 Then ſhe ſpake, ſaying, They were wont to ſpeak in old time, ſaying, They ſhall ſurely aſk counſel at Abel: and ſo they ended the matter.

19 I am one of them that are peaceable and faithful in Iſrael: thou ſeekeſt to deſtroy a city and a mother in Iſrael: why wilt thou ſwallow up the inheritance of the Lord?

20 And Joab anſwered and ſaid, Far be it, far be it from me, that I ſhould ſwallow up or deſtroy.

21 The matter is not ſo: but a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the ſon of Bichri by name, hath lifted up his hand againſt the king, even againſt David. Deliver him only, and I will depart from the city; And the woman ſaid unto Joab, Behold, his head ſhall be thrown to thee over the wall.

22 Then the woman went unto all the people in her wiſdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the ſon of Bichri, and caſt it out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jeruſalem unto the king.

23 ¶ Now Joab was over all the hoſt of Iſrael: and Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites, and over the Pelethites.

24 And Adoram was over the tribute: and Jehoſhaphat the ſon of Ahilud was recorder.

25 And Sheva was ſcribe: and Zadok and Abiathar were the prieſts:

26 And Ira alſo the Jairite was a chief ruler about David.

CHAP. XXI.

The three years' famine for the Gibeonites ceaſes by hanging ſeven of Saul's ſons.

THEN there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year: and David enquired of the Lord. And the Lord anſwered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody houſe, becauſe he ſlew the Gibeonites.

: They were wont to ſpeak, &c. ver. 18.] Abel has been of old famed for prudent perſons; and had you ſent and conſulted them before it came to this pinch, there had been an end of it before now.

2 And the king called the Gibeonites and ſaid unto them, (now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Iſrael, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Iſrael had ſworn unto them: and Saul ſought to ſlay them, in his zeal to the children of Iſrael and Judah.)

3 Wherefore David ſaid unto the Gibeonites, What ſhall I do for you? and wherewith ſhall I make the atonement, that ye may bleſs the inheritance of the Lord?

4 And the Gibeonites ſaid unto him, We will have no ſilver nor gold of Saul, nor of his houſe; neither for us ſhalt thou kill any man in Iſrael. And he ſaid, What ye ſhall ſay, that will I do for you.

5 And they anſwered the king, The man that conſumed us, and that deviſed againſt us that we ſhould be deſtroyed from remaining in any of the coaſts of Iſrael,

6 Let ſeven men of his ſons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the Lord in Gibeah of Saul, whom the Lord did chooſe. And the king ſaid, I will give them.

7 But the king ſpared Mephibоſheth, the ſon of Jonathan, the ſon of Saul, becauſe of the Lord's oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan, the ſon of Saul.

8 But the king took the two ſons of Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah, whom ſhe bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibоſheth; and the five ſons of Michal, the daughter of Saul, whom ſhe brought up for Adriel, the ſon of Barzillai, the Meholathite:

9 And he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites; and they hanged them in the hill before the Lord: and they fell all ſeven together, and were put to death in the days of harveſt, in the firſt days, in the beginning of barley harveſt.

10 ¶ And Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah, took ſackcloth, and ſpread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harveſt until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and ſuffered neither the birds of the air to reſt on them by day, nor the beaſts of the field by night.

11 And it was told David what Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul had done.

12 ¶ And David went and took the bones of Saul, and the bones of Jonathan his ſon, from the men of Jabeſh-gilead, which had ſtolen them from the ſtreet of Beth-ſhan, where the Philiſtines had hanged them, when the Philiſtines had ſlain Saul in Gilboa:

13 And he brought up from thence the bones of Saul, and the bones of Jonathan his ſon; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged.

14 And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his ſon buried they in the country of Benjamin, in Zelah, in the ſepulchre of Kiſh his father; and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that, God was intreated for the land.

15 Moreover, the Philiſtines had yet war again with Iſrael; and David went

Until water dropped, ver. 10.] Till God, by ſending rain, (the want whereof was the cauſe of the famine) did ſhew that his wrath was appeaſed.

down, and his ſervants with him, and fought againſt the Philiſtines. And David waxed faint.

16 And Iſhbi-benob, which was of the ſons of the giant, the weight of whoſe ſpear weighed three hundred ſhekels of braſs in weight, he being girded with a new ſword, thought to have ſlain David.

17 But Abiſhai, the ſon of Zeruiah, ſuccoured him, and ſmote the Philiſtine, and killed him. Then the men of David ſware unto him, ſaying, Thou ſhalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Iſrael.

18 And it came to paſs after this, that there was again a battle with the Philiſtines, at Gob: then Sibbecai, the Huſhathite, ſlew Saph, which was of the ſons of the giant.

19 And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philiſtines, where Elhanan, the ſon of Jaare-oregim, a Bethlehemite, ſlew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the ſtaff of whoſe ſpear was like a weaver's beam.

20 And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great ſtature, that had on every hand ſix fingers, and on every foot ſix toes, four and twenty in number; and he alſo was born to the giant.

21 And when he defied Iſrael, Jonathan, the ſon of Shimea, the brother of David, ſlew him.

22 Theſe four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his ſervants.

CHAP. XXII.

A pſalm of thankſgiving for God's powerful deliverance, and manifold bleſſings.

AND David ſpake unto the Lord the words of this ſong, in the day that the Lord had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

2 And he ſaid, The Lord is my rock, and my fortreſs, and my deliverer;

3 The God of my rock: in him will I truſt: he is my ſhield, and the horn of my ſalvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my ſaviour; thou ſaveſt me from violence.

4 I will call on the Lord who is worthy to be praiſed: ſo ſhall I be ſaved from mine enemies.

5 When the waves of death compaſſed me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid;

6 The ſorrows of hell compaſſed me about; the ſnares of death prevented me;

7 In my diſtreſs I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God; and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears.

8 Then the earth ſhook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and ſhook, becauſe he was wroth.

9 There went up a ſmoke out of his noſtrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

10 He bowed the heavens alſo and came down; and darkneſs was under his feet.

11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was ſeen upon the wings of the wind.

12 And he made darkneſs pavilions round about him, dark waters, and thick clouds of the ſkies.

13 Through the brightneſs before him were coals of fire kindled.

14 The Lord thundered from heaven, and the moſt High uttered his voice.

15 And he ſent out arrows, and ſcattered them; lightning, and diſcomfited them.

16 And the channels of the ſea appeared, the foundations of the world were diſcovered, at the rebuking of the Lord, at the blaſt of the breath of his noſtrils.

17 He ſent from above, he took me; he drew me out of many waters;

18 He delivered me from my ſtrong enemy, and from them that hated me: for they were too ſtrong for me.

19 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the Lord was my ſtay.

20 He brought me forth alſo into a large place: he delivered me, becauſe he delighted in me.

21 The Lord rewarded me according to my righteouſneſs: according to the cleanneſs of my hands hath he recompenſed me.

22 For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

23 For all his judgements were before me: and as for his ſtatutes, I did not depart from them.

24 I was alſo upright before him, and have kept myſelf from mine iniquity.

25 Therefore the Lord hath recompenſed me according to my righteouſneſs, according to my cleanneſs in his eyeſight.

26 With the merciful thou wilt ſhew thyſelf merciful, and with the upright man thou wilt ſhew thyſelf upright.

27 With the pure thou wilt ſhew thyſelf pure, and with the froward thou wilt ſhew thyſelf unſavoury.

28 And the afflicted people thou wilt ſave: but thine eyes are upon the haughty, that thou mayeſt bring them down.

29 For thou art my lamp, O Lord: and the Lord will lighten my darkneſs.

30 For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.

31 As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all them that truſt in him.

32 For who is God, ſave the Lord? and who is a rock, ſave our God?

33 God is my ſtrength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.

34 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and ſetteth me upon my high places.

35 He teacheth my hands to war: ſo that a bow of ſteel is broken by mine arms.

36 Thou haſt alſo given me the ſhield of thy ſalvation: and thy gentleneſs hath made me great.

37 Thou haſt enlarged my ſteps under me; ſo that my feet did not ſlip.

38 I have purſued mine enemies, and deſtroyed them; and turned not again until I had conſumed them.

39 And I have conſumed them, and wounded them, that they could not ariſe: yea, they are fallen under my feet.

40 For thou haſt girded me with ſtrength to battle: them that roſe up againſt me, haſt thou ſubdued under me.

41 Thou haſt alſo given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might deſtroy them that hate me.

42 They looked, but there was none to ſave; even unto the Lord, but he anſwered them not.

43 Then did I beat them as ſmall as the duſt of the earth; I did ſtamp them as the mire of the ſtreet, and did ſpread them abroad.

44 Thou alſo haſt delivered me from the ſtrivings of my people, thou haſt kept me to be head of the heathen: a people which I knew not ſhall ſerve me.

45 Strangers ſhall ſubmit themſelves unto me: as ſoon as they hear, they ſhall be obedient unto me.

46 Strangers ſhall fade away, and they ſhall be afraid out of their cloſe places.

47 The Lord liveth: and bleſſed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my ſalvation.

48 It is God that avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me,

49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou alſo haſt lifted me up on high above them that roſe up againſt me: thou haſt delivered me from the violent man.

50 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the heathen, and I will ſing praiſes unto thy name.

51 He is the tower of ſalvation for his king: and ſheweth mercy to his anointed, unto David, and to his ſeed for evermore.

CHAP. XXIII.

David profeſſeth his faith in God's promiſes, &c.

NOW theſe be the laſt words of David. David, the ſon of Jeſſe, ſaid, and the man who was raiſed up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the ſweet pſalmiſt of Iſrael, ſaid,

2 The Spirit of the Lord ſpake by me, and his word was in my tongue.

3 The God of Iſrael ſaid, the Rock of Iſrael ſpake to me, He that ruleth over men muſt be juſt, ruling in the fear of God:

4 And he ſhall be as the light of the morning, when the ſun riſeth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender graſs ſpringing out of the earth by clear ſhining after rain.

5 Although my houſe be not ſo with God; yet he hath made with me an everlaſting covenant, ordered in all things and ſure: for this is all my ſalvation, and all my deſire, although he make it not to grow.

6 But the ſons of Belial ſhall be all of them as thorns thruſt away, becauſe they cannot be taken with hands:

7 But the man that ſhall touch them muſt be fenced with iron and the

As the tender graſs, ver. 4.] The glory of his kingdom ſhall daily increaſe, like graſs that has the benefit of the ſun and ſeaſonable ſhowers.

ſtaff of a ſpear: and they ſhall be utterly burned with fire in the ſame place.

8 ¶ Theſe be the names of the mighty men whom David had: The Tachmonite, that ſat in the ſeat, chief among the captains; the ſame was Adino the Eznite: he lift up his ſpear againſt eight hundred, whom he ſlew at one time.

9 And after him was Eleazar the ſon of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philiſtines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Iſrael were gone away:

10 He aroſe, and ſmote the Philiſtines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the ſword: and the Lord wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to ſpoil.

11 And after him was Shammah the ſon of Agee the Hararite. And the Philiſtines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philiſtines.

12 But he ſtood in the midſt of the ground, and defended it, and ſlew the Philiſtines: and the Lord wrought a great victory.

13 And three of the thirty chief went down and came to David in the harveſt-time unto the cave of Adullam. And the troop of the Philiſtines pitched in the valley of Rephaim.

14 And David was then in an hold, and the garriſon of the Philiſtines was then in Beth-lehem.

15 And David longed, and ſaid, Oh, that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem which is by the gate!

16 And the three mighty men brake through the hoſt of the Philiſtines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: nevertheleſs he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the Lord.

17 And he ſaid, Be it far from me, O Lord, that I ſhould do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. Theſe things did theſe three mighty men.

18 And Abiſhai, the brother of Joab, the ſon of Zeruiah, was chief among three. And he lifted up his ſpear againſt three hundred, and ſlew them, and had the name among three.

19 Was he not moſt honourable of three? therefore he was their captain: howbeit, he attained not unto the firſt three.

20 And Benaiah, the ſon of Jehoiada, the ſon of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he ſlew two lion-like men of Moab: he went down alſo and ſlew a lion in the midſt of a pit in time of ſnow:

21 And he ſlew an Egyptian, a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a ſpear in his hand; but he went down to him with a ſtaff, and plucked the ſpear out of the Egyptian's hand, and ſlew him with his own ſpear.

Is not this the blood, &c. ver. 17.] That which was gotten with the hazard of their lives. Princes ſhould not riſk the lives of their ſubjects on ſlight occaſions.

22 Theſe things did Benaiah, the ſon of Jehoiada, and had the name among three mighty men.

23 He was more honourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the firſt three. And David ſet him over his guard.

24 Aſahel, the brother of Joab, was one of the thirty; Elhanan, the ſon of Dodo, of Beth-lehem,

25 Shammah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite,

26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the ſon of Ikkeſh the Tekoite,

27 Abiezer the Anethothite, Mebunnai the Huſhathite,

28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite,

29 Heleb the ſon of Baanah, a Netophathite, Ittai the ſon of Ribai, out of Gibeah, of the children of Benjamin,

30 Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaaſh,

31 Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,

32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite; of the ſons of Jaſhen, Jonathan,

33 Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the ſon of Sharar the Hararite,

34 Eliphelet the ſon of Ahaſbai the ſon of the Maachathite, Eliam the ſon of Ahithophel the Gilonite.

35 Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,

36 Igal the ſon of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite,

37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, armour-bearer to Joab the ſon of Zeruiah,

38 Ira an Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite,

39 Uriah the Hittite: thirty and ſeven in all.

CHAP. XXIV.

David numbereth the people.

AND again the anger of the Lord was kindled againſt Iſrael: and he moved David againſt them, to ſay, Go, number Iſrael and Judah.

2 For the king ſaid to Joab, the captain of the hoſt, which was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Iſrael, from Dan even to Beer-ſheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people.

3 And Joab ſaid unto the king, Now the Lord thy God add unto the people, how many ſoever they be, an hundredfold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may ſee it: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing?

4 Notwithſtanding, the king's word prevailed againſt Joab, and againſt the captains of the hoſt. And Joab, and the captains of the hoſt, went out from the preſence of the king to number the people of Iſrael.

5 And they paſſed over Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on the right ſide of the city that lieth in the midſt of the river of Gad, and toward Jazer:

6 Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-hodſhi: and they came to Dan-jaan, and about to Zidon,

7 And came to the ſtrong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hi-

That I may know the number, &c. ver. 2.] His ends were ſinful: vain curioſity, pride, and carnal confidence in the multitude and ſtrength of his people.

vites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the ſouth of Judah, even to Beer-ſheba.

8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jeruſalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

9 And Joab gave up the ſum of the number of the people unto the king: and there were in Iſrael eight hundred thouſand valiant men that drew the ſword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thouſand men.

10 ¶ And David's heart ſmote him, after that he had numbered the people. And David ſaid unto the Lord, I have ſinned greatly in that I have done: and now I beſeech thee, O Lord, take away the iniquity of thy ſervant; for I have done very fooliſhly.

11 For when David was up in the morning, the word of the Lord came unto the prophet Gad, David's ſeer, ſaying,

12 Go, and ſay unto David, Thus ſaith the Lord, I offer thee three things; chooſe thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.

13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and ſaid unto him, Shall ſeven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they purſue thee? or that there be three days' peſtilence in thy land? now adviſe, and ſee what anſwer I ſhall return to him that ſent me.

14 And David ſaid unto Gad, I am in a great ſtrait: let us fall now into the hand of the Lord, for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.

15 So the Lord ſent a peſtilence upon Iſrael from the morning even to the time appointed; and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-ſheba ſeventy thouſand men.

16 And when the angel ſtretched out his hand upon Jeruſalem to deſtroy it, the Lord repented him of the evil, and ſaid to the angel that deſtroyed the people, It is enough: ſtay now thine hand. And the angel of the Lord was by the threſhing-place of Araunah the Jebuſite.

17 ¶ And David ſpake unto the Lord, when he ſaw the angel that ſmote the people, and ſaid, Lo, I have ſinned, and I have done wickedly; but theſe ſheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be againſt me, and againſt my father's houſe.

18 And Gad came that day to David, and ſaid unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the Lord in the threſhing-floor of Araunah the Jebuſite.

19 And David, according to the ſaying of Gad, went up as the Lord commanded.

20 And Araunah looked, and ſaw the king and his ſervants coming on toward him. And Araunah went out, and bowed himſelf before the king on his face upon the ground.

21 And Araunah ſaid, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his ſervant? And David ſaid, To buy the threſhing-floor of thee, to build an altar unto the Lord, that the plague may be ſtayed from the people.

The angel ſtretched out *his* hand, ver. 16.] Who appeared in human ſhape, with a ſword in his hand, to convince them that this was no *national* or common plague, but immediately from the hand of God.

22 And Araunah ſaid unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what ſeemeth good unto him: behold, here be oxen for burnt-ſacrifice, and threſhing inſtruments, and other inſtruments of the oxen for wood.

23 All theſe things did Araunah, as a king, give unto the king. And Araunah ſaid unto the king, The Lord thy God accept thee.

24 And the king ſaid unto Araunah, Nay; but I will ſurely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt-offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth coſt me nothing. So David bought the threſhing-floor and the oxen, for fifty ſhekels of ſilver.

25 And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings. So the Lord was intreated for the land, and the plague was ſtayed from Iſrael.

THE FIRST BOOK

OF THE

KINGS,

COMMONLY CALLED, THE THIRD BOOK OF THE *KINGS.*

CHAP. I.

Abiſhag cheriſheth David, &c.

NOW king David was old, and ſtricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat.

2 Wherefore his ſervants ſaid unto him, Let there be ſought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her ſtand before the king, and let her cheriſh him, and let her lie in thy boſom, that my lord the king may get heat.

3 So they ſought for a fair damſel throughout all the coaſts of Iſrael, and found Abiſhag, a Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

4 And the damſel was very fair, and cheriſhed the king, and miniſtered to him: but the king knew her not.

5 ¶ Then Adonijah the ſon of Haggith exalted himſelf, ſaying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horſemen, and fifty men to run before him.

6 And his father had not diſpleaſed him at any time, in ſaying, Why haſt thou done ſo? and he alſo was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Abſalom.

7 And he conferred with Joab the ſon of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the prieſt: and they, following Adonijah, helped him.

8 But Zadok the prieſt, and Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, and Nathan the

His father had not diſpleaſed him, ver. 6.] This is noted as David's great fault, and the occaſion of Adonijah's preſumption.

prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which belonged to David, were not with Adonijah.

9 And Adonijah ſlew ſheep, and oxen, and fat cattle, by the ſtone of Zoheleth, which is by En-rogel, and called all his brethren the king's ſons, and all the men of Judah the king's ſervants:

10 But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

11 Wherefore Nathan ſpake unto Bath-ſheba the mother of Solomon, ſaying, Haſt thou not heard that Adonijah the ſon of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not?

12 Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counſel, that thou mayeſt ſave thine own life, and the life of thy ſon Solomon.

13 Go, and get thee in unto king David, and ſay unto him, Didſt not thou, my lord, O king, ſware unto thine handmaid, ſaying, Aſſuredly Solomon thy ſon ſhall reign after me, and he ſhall ſit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign?

14 Behold, while thou yet talkeſt there with the king, I alſo will come in after thee, and confirm thy words.

15 And Bath-ſheba went in unto the king into the chamber. And the king was very old; and Abiſhag the Shunammite miniſtered unto the king.

16 And Bath-ſheba bowed, and did obeiſance unto the king. And the king ſaid, What wouldeſt thou?

17 And ſhe ſaid unto him, My lord, thou ſwareſt by the Lord thy God unto thine handmaid, ſaying, Aſſuredly Solomon thy ſon ſhall reign after me, and he ſhall ſit upon my throne:

18 And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knoweſt it not:

19 And he hath ſlain oxen, and fat cattle, and ſheep, in abundance, and hath called all the ſons of the king, and Abiathar the prieſt, and Joab the captain of the hoſt: but Solomon thy ſervant hath he not called.

20 And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Iſrael are upon thee, that thou ſhouldeſt tell them who ſhall ſit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 Otherwiſe it ſhall come to paſs, when my lord the king ſhall ſleep with his fathers, that I and my ſon Solomon ſhall be counted offenders.

22 And lo, while ſhe yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet alſo came in.

23 And they told the king, ſaying, Behold, Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himſelf before the king with his face to the ground.

24 And Nathan ſaid, My lord, O king, haſt thou ſaid, Adonijah ſhall reign after me, and he ſhall ſit upon my throne?

25 For he is gone down this day, and hath ſlain oxen, and fat cattle, and ſheep, in abundance, and hath called all the king's ſons, and the captains of the hoſt, and Abiathar the prieſt; and behold, they eat and drink before him, and ſay, God ſave king Adonijah.

26 But me, even me thy ſervant, and Zadok the prieſt, and Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, and thy ſervant Solomon, hath he not called.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou haſt not ſhewed it unto thy ſervant, who ſhould ſit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

28 Then king David anſwered and ſaid, Call me Bath-ſheba. And ſhe came into the king's preſence, and ſtood before the king.

29 And the king ſware, and ſaid, As the Lord liveth, that hath redeemed my ſoul out of all diſtreſs;

30 Even as I ſware unto thee by the Lord God of Iſrael, ſaying, Aſſuredly Solomon thy ſon ſhall reign after me, and he ſhall ſit upon my throne in my ſtead; even ſo will I certainly do this day.

31 Then Bath-ſheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king and ſaid, Let my lord king David live for ever.

32 ¶ And king David ſaid, Call me Zadok the prieſt, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada. And they came before the king.

33 The king alſo ſaid unto them, Take with you the ſervants of your lord, and cauſe Solomon my ſon to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon:

34 And let Zadok the prieſt, and Nathan the prophet, anoint him there king over Iſrael: and blow ye with the trumpet, and ſay, God ſave king Solomon.

35 Then ye ſhall come up after him, that he may come and ſit upon my throne: for he ſhall be king in my ſtead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Iſrael and over Judah.

36 And Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada anſwered the king, and ſaid, Amen: the Lord God of my lord the king ſay ſo too.

37 As the Lord hath been with my lord the king, even ſo be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

38 So Zadok the prieſt, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites went down, and cauſed Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon.

39 And Zadok the prieſt took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people ſaid, God ſave king Solomon.

40 And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, ſo that the earth rent with the ſound of them.

41 And Adonijah and all the gueſts that were with him heard it as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the ſound of the trumpet, he ſaid, Wherefore is this noiſe of the city being in an uproar?

42 And while he yet ſpake, behold, Jonathan the ſon of Abiathar the prieſt came. And Adonijah ſaid unto him, Come in: for thou art a valiant man, and bringeſt good tidings.

43 And Jonathan anſwered and ſaid to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king.

Anoint him there king, ver. 34.] Uſed in doubtful caſes, to ſhew that they were appointed by God thereto, and that he would qualify them for it.

44 And the king hath ſent with him Zadok the prieſt, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have cauſed him to ride upon the king's mule:

45 And Zadok the prieſt, and Nathan the prophet, have anointed him king in Gihon; and they are come up from thence rejoicing, ſo that the city rang again. This is the noiſe that ye have heard.

46 And alſo Solomon ſitteth on the throne of the kingdom.

47 And moreover, the king's ſervants came to bleſs our lord king David, ſaying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king bowed himſelf upon the bed.

48 And alſo thus ſaid the king, Bleſſed be the Lord God of Iſrael, which hath given one to ſit on my throne this day, mine eyes even ſeeing it.

49 And all the gueſts that were with Adonijah were afraid, and roſe up, and went every man his way.

50 ¶ And Adonijah feared becauſe of Solomon, and aroſe, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

51 And it was told Solomon, ſaying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, ſaying, Let king Solomon ſwear unto me to-day that he will not ſlay his ſervant with the ſword:

52 And Solomon ſaid, If he will ſhew himſelf a worthy man, there ſhall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedneſs ſhall be found in him, he ſhall die.

53 So king Solomon ſent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himſelf to king Solomon. And Solomon ſaid unto him, Go to thine houſe.

CHAP. II.

David, having given a charge to Solomon, dieth, &c.

NOW the days of David drew nigh that he ſhould die; and he charged Solomon, his ſon, ſaying,

2 I go the way of all the earth: be thou ſtrong therefore, and ſhew thyſelf a man;

3 And keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his ſtatutes, and his commandments, and his judgements, and his teſtimonies, as it is written in the law of Moſes, that thou mayeſt proſper in all that thou doeſt, and whitherſoever thou turneſt thyſelf:

4 That the Lord may continue his word which he ſpake concerning me, ſaying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth, with all their heart, and with all their ſoul, there ſhall not fail thee (ſaid he) a man on the throne of Iſrael.

5 Moreover, thou knoweſt alſo what Joab the ſon of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two captains of the hoſts of Iſrael, unto Abner the ſon of Ner, and unto Amaſa the ſon of Jether, whom he ſlew, and ſhed the

Horns of the altar, ver. 50.] Though there was no expreſs law, that they that fled to the altar ſhould be ſecure, yet they generally preſumed that no one would offer them violence when at that holy place.

blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his ſhoes that were on his feet.

6 Do therefore according to thy wiſdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace.

7 But ſhew kindneſs unto the ſons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of thoſe that eat at thy table: for ſo they came to me when I fled becauſe of Abſalom thy brother.

8 And behold, thou haſt with thee Shimei the ſon of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which curſed me with a grievous curſe, in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I ſware to him by the Lord, ſaying, I will not put thee to death with the ſword.

9 Now therefore hold him not guiltleſs: for thou art a wiſe man, and knoweſt what thou oughteſt to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with blood.

10 ¶ So David ſlept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

11 And the days that David reigned over Iſrael were forty years: ſeven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jeruſalem.

12 ¶ Then ſat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was eſtabliſhed greatly.

13 ¶ And Adonijah, the ſon of Haggith, came to Bath-ſheba the mother of Solomon. And ſhe ſaid, Comeſt thou peaceably? And he ſaid, Peaceably.

14 He ſaid, moreover, I have ſomewhat to ſay unto thee. And ſhe ſaid, Say on.

15 And he ſaid, Thou knoweſt that the kingdom was mine, and that all Iſrael ſet their faces on me that I ſhould reign: howbeit, the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the Lord.

16 And now I aſk one petition of thee, deny me not. And ſhe ſaid unto him, Say on.

17 And he ſaid, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king (for he will not ſay thee nay,) that he give me Abiſhag the Shunammite to wife.

18 And Bath-ſheba ſaid, Well; I will ſpeak for thee unto the king.

19 Bath-ſheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to ſpeak unto him for Adonijah. And the king roſe up to meet her, and bowed himſelf unto her, and ſat down on his throne, and cauſed a ſeat to be ſet for the king's mother; and ſhe ſat on his right hand.

20 Then ſhe ſaid, I deſire one ſmall petition of thee; I pray thee ſay me not nay. And the king ſaid unto her, Aſk on, my mother: for I will not ſay thee nay.

21 And ſhe ſaid, Let Abiſhag, the Shunammite, be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife.

22 And king Solomon anſwered and ſaid unto his mother, And why doſt thou aſk Abiſhag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Aſk for him the kingdom alſo; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the prieſt, and for Joab the ſon of Zeruiah.

Therefore hold him not guiltleſs, ver. 9.] Take ſome other occaſion to puniſh him, and then put him in mind of his former wickedneſs.

23 Then king Solomon ſware by the Lord, ſaying, God do ſo to me, and more alſo, if Adonijah have not ſpoken this word againſt his own life.

24 Now therefore, as the Lord liveth which hath eſtabliſhed me, and ſet me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me an houſe, as he promiſed, Adonijah ſhall be put to death this day.

25 And king Solomon ſent by the hand of Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him, that he died.

26 And unto Abiathar the prieſt ſaid the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou art worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, becauſe thou bareſt the ark of the Lord God before David my father, and becauſe thou haſt been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.

27 So Solomon thruſt out Abiathar from being prieſt unto the Lord; that he might fulfil the word of the Lord which he ſpake concerning the houſe of Eli in Shiloh.

28 ¶ Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Abſalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the Lord, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

29 And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the Lord, and behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon ſent Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, ſaying, Go, fall upon him.

30 And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the Lord, and ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith the king, Come forth. And he ſaid, nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, ſaying, Thus ſaid Joab, and thus he anſwered me.

31 And the king ſaid unto him, Do as he hath ſaid, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayeſt take away the innocent blood, which Joab ſhed, from me, and from the houſe of my father.

32 And the Lord ſhall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and ſlew them with the ſword, my father David not knowing thereof, to wit, Abner the ſon of Ner, captain of the hoſt of Iſrael, and Amaſa the ſon of Jether, captain of the hoſt of Judah.

33 Their blood ſhall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his ſeed for ever: but upon David, and upon his ſeed, and upon his houſe, and upon his throne, ſhall there be peace for ever from the Lord.

34 So Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, went up, and fell upon him, and ſlew him. And he was buried in his own houſe in the wilderneſs.

35 And the king put Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, in his room, over the hoſt. And Zadok the prieſt did the king put in the room of Abiathar.

36 ¶ And the king ſent and called for Shimei, and ſaid unto him, Build thee an houſe in Jeruſalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither.

Bury him, ver. 31.] For the honour of his place, and his former ſervices.

37 For it ſhall be, that on the day thou goeſt out and paſſeſt over the brook Kidron, thou ſhalt know for certain that thou ſhalt ſurely die: thy blood ſhall be upon thine own head.

38 And Shimei ſaid unto the king, The ſaying is good: as my lord the king hath ſaid, ſo will thy ſervant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jeruſalem many days.

39 And it came to paſs at the end of three years, that two of the ſervants of Shimei ran away unto Achiſh ſon of Maachah king of Gath. And they told Shimei, ſaying, Behold, thy ſervants be in Gath.

40 And Shimei aroſe, and ſaddled his aſs, and went to Gath to Achiſh to ſeek his ſervants: and Shimei went, and brought his ſervants from Gath.

41 And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jeruſalem to Gath, and was come again.

42 And the king ſent and called for Shimei, and ſaid unto him, Did I not make thee to ſwear by the Lord, and proteſted unto thee, ſaying, Know for a certain on the day thou goeſt out, and walkeſt abroad any whither, that thou ſhalt ſurely die? and thou ſaidſt unto me, The word that I have heard is good.

43 Why then haſt thou not kept the oath of the Lord, and the commandment that I have charged thee with?

44 The king ſaid, moreover, to Shimei, Thou knoweſt all the wickedneſs, which thine heart is privy to, that thou didſt to David my father: therefore the Lord ſhall return thy wickedneſs upon thine own head;

45 And king Solomon ſhall be bleſſed, and the throne of David ſhall be eſtabliſhed before the Lord for ever.

46 So the king commanded Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada; which went out and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdom was eſtabliſhed in the hand of Solomon.

CHAP. III.

Solomon marrieth Pharaoh's daughter.

AND Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own houſe, and the houſe of the Lord, and the wall of Jeruſalem round about.

2 Only the people ſacrificed in high places, becauſe there was no houſe built unto the name of the Lord until thoſe days.

3 And Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the ſtatutes of David his father: only he ſacrificed and burned incenſe in high places.

4 And the king went to Gibeon to ſacrifice there; for that was the great high place. A thouſand burnt-offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar,

5 ¶ In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God ſaid, Aſk what I ſhall give thee.

6 And Solomon ſaid, Thou haſt ſhewed unto thy ſervant David my father great mercy, according as he walk-

ed before thee in truth and in righteouſneſs, and in uprightneſs of heart with thee; and thou haſt kept for him this great kindneſs, that thou haſt given him a ſon to ſit on his throne, as it is this day.

7 And now, O Lord, my God, thou haſt made thy ſervant king inſtead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

8 And thy ſervant is in the midſt of thy people which thou haſt choſen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

9 Give therefore thy ſervant an underſtanding heart, to judge thy people, that I may diſcern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy ſo great a people?

10 And the ſpeech pleaſed the Lord, that Solomon had aſked this thing.

11 And God ſaid unto him, Becauſe thou haſt aſked this thing, and haſt not aſked for thyſelf long life, neither haſt aſked riches for thy ſelf, nor haſt aſked the life of thine enemies, but haſt aſked for thyſelf underſtanding, to diſcern judgement;

12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wiſe and an underſtanding heart: ſo that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee ſhall any ariſe like unto thee.

13 And I have alſo given thee that which thou haſt not aſked, both riches and honour: ſo that there ſhall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my ſtatutes, and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

15 And Solomon awoke; and behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jeruſalem, and ſtood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt-offerings, and offered peace-offerings, and made a feaſt to all his ſervants.

16 ¶ Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and ſtood before him.

17 And the one woman ſaid, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one houſe; and I was delivered of a child with her in the houſe.

18 And it came to paſs the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered alſo: and we were together; there was no ſtranger with us in the houſe, ſave we two in the houſe.

19 And this woman's child died in the night; becauſe ſhe overlaid it.

20 And ſhe aroſe at midnight, and took my ſon from beſide me, while thine handmaid ſlept, and laid it in her boſom, and laid her dead child in my boſom.

21 And when I roſe in the morning to give my child ſuck, behold, it was dead: but when I had conſidered it in the morning, behold, it was not my ſon, which I did bear.

22 And the other woman ſaid, Nay; but the living is my ſon, and the dead is thy ſon. And this ſaid, No; but the dead is thy ſon, and the living is my ſon. Thus they ſpake before the king.

I am but a little child, ver. 7.] Young, and inexperienced in ſtate affairs.

23 Then ſaid the king, The one ſaith, This is my ſon that liveth, and thy ſon is the dead: and the other ſaith, Nay; but thy ſon is the dead, and my ſon is the living.

24 And the king ſaid, Bring me a ſword. And they brought a ſword before the king.

25 And the king ſaid, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

26 Then ſpake the woman whoſe the living child was unto the king, (for her bowels yearned upon her ſon) and ſhe ſaid, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wiſe ſlay it. But the other ſaid, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.

27 Then the king anſwered and ſaid, Give her the living child, and in no wiſe ſlay it: ſhe is the mother thereof.

28 And all Iſrael heard of the judgement which the king had judged; and they feared the king; for they ſaw that the wiſdom of God was in him to do judgement.

CHAP. IV.

Solomon's princes: his twelve officers, &c.

SO king Solomon was king over all Iſrael.

2 And theſe were the princes which he had; Azariah, the ſon of Zadok the prieſt;

3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the ſons of Shiſha, ſcribes; Jehoſhaphat, the ſon of Ahilud the recorder.

4 And Benaiah, the ſon of Jehoiada, was over the hoſt: and Zadok and Abiathar were the prieſts:

5 And Azariah, the ſon of Nathan, was over the officers: and Zabud, the ſon of Nathan, was principal officer, and the king's friend:

6 And Ahiſhar was over the houſhold: and Adoniram, the ſon of Abda, was over the tribute.

7 ¶ And Solomon had twelve officers over all Iſrael, which provided victuals for the king and his houſhold; each man his month in a year made proviſion.

8 And theſe are their names. The ſon of Hur, in mount Ephraim.

9 The ſon of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-ſhemeſh, and Elonbeth-hanan.

10 The ſon of Heſod, in Aruboth: to him pertained Sochoh, and all the land of Hepher:

11 The ſon of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath, the daughter of Solomon, to wife.

12 Baana, the ſon of Ahilud: to him pertained Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-ſhean, which is by Zartanah, beneath Jezreel, from Beth-ſhean to Abel-meholah, even unto the place that is beyond Jokneam:

13 The ſon of Geber, in Ramoth-gilead: to him pertained the towns of Jair, the ſon of Manaſſeh; which are in Gilead: to him alſo pertained the region of Argob, which is in Baſhan, threeſcore great cities with walls and brazen bars.

They feared the king, ver. 28.] They were cautious of doing an unjuſt action, even though ever ſo ſecret, leſt the king by his wiſdom ſhould diſcover it.

14 Ahinadab, the ſon of Iddo, had Mahanaim:

15 Ahimaaz was in Naphtali; he alſo took Baſmath, the daughter of Solomon, to wife:

16 Baanah, the ſon of Huſhai, was in Aſher, and in Aloth:

17 Jehoſhaphat, the ſon of Paruah, in Iſſachar:

18 Shimei, the ſon of Elah, in Benjamin:

19 Geber, the ſon of Uri, was in the country of Gilead, in the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Baſhan; and he was the only officer which was in the land.

20 Judah and Iſrael were many, as the ſand which is by the ſea in multitude, eating, and drinking, and making merry.

21 And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms, from the river unto the land of the Philiſtines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought preſents, and ſerved Solomon all the days of his life.

22 And Solomon's proviſion for one day was thirty meaſures of fine flour, and threeſcore meaſures of meal.

23 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the paſtures, and an hundred ſheep, beſide harts, and roe-bucks, and fallow-deer, and fatted fowl.

24 ¶ For he had dominion over all the region on this ſide the river, from Tiphſah even to Azzah, over all the kings on this ſide the river: and he had peace on all ſides round about him.

25 And Judah and Iſrael dwelt ſafely every man under his vine, and under his fig-tree, from Dan even to Beer-ſheba, all the days of Solomon.

26 And Solomon had forty thouſand ſtalls of horſes for his chariots, and twelve thouſand horſemen.

27 And thoſe officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing.

28 Barley alſo, and ſtraw for the horſes and dromedaries, brought they unto the place where the officers were, every man according to his charge.

29 ¶ And God gave Solomon wiſdom and underſtanding exceeding much, and largeneſs of heart, even as the ſand that is on the ſea ſhore.

30 And Solomon's wiſdom excelled the wiſdom of all the children of the eaſt country, and all the wiſdom of Egypt.

31 For he was wiſer than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the ſons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.

32 And he ſpake three thouſand proverbs: and his ſongs were a thouſand and five.

33 And he ſpake of trees, from the cedar-tree that is in Lebanon, even unto the hyſſop that ſpringeth out of the wall: he ſpake alſo of beaſts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fiſhes.

34 And there came of all people to hear the wiſdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wiſdom.

Largeneſs of heart, ver. 29.] A moſt comprehenſive knowledge of all things, both divine and human.

CHAP. V.

Hiram ſendeth to congratulate Solomon, &c.

AND Hiram king of Tyre ſent his ſervants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.

2 And Solomon ſent to Hiram, ſaying,

3 Thou knoweſt how that David my father could not build an houſe unto the name of the Lord his God, for the wars which were about him on every ſide, until the Lord put them under the ſoles of his feet.

4 But now the Lord my God hath given me reſt on every ſide, ſo that there is neither adverſary, nor evil occurrent.

5 And behold, I purpoſe to build an houſe unto the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord ſpake unto David my father ſaying, Thy ſon, whom I will ſet upon thy throne in thy room, he ſhall build an houſe unto my name.

6 Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my ſervants ſhall be with thy ſervants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy ſervants according to all that thou ſhalt appoint: for thou knoweſt that there is not among us any that can ſkill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.

7 ¶ And it came to paſs, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and ſaid, Bleſſed be the Lord this day, which hath given unto David a wiſe ſon over this great people.

8 And Hiram ſent to Solomon, ſaying, I have conſidered the things which thou ſenteſt to me for: and I will do all thy deſire concerning timber of cedar and concerning timber of fir.

9 My ſervants ſhall bring them down from Lebanon unto the ſea: and and I will convey them by ſea in floats unto the place that thou ſhalt appoint me, and will cauſe them to be diſcharged there, and thou ſhalt receive them; and thou ſhalt accompliſh my deſire in giving food for my houſhold.

10 So Hiram gave Solomon cedar-trees and fir-trees according to all his deſire.

11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thouſand meaſures of wheat for food to his houſhold, and twenty meaſures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.

12 And the Lord gave Solomon wiſdom, as he promiſed him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

13 ¶ And king Solomon raiſed a levy out of all Iſrael; and the levy was thirty thouſand men.

14 And he ſent them to Lebanon, ten thouſand a month by courſes: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home. And Adoniram was over the levy.

15 And Solomon had threeſcore and ten thouſand that bare burdens, and fourſcore thouſand hewers in the mountains:

16 Beſides the chief of Solomon's officers which were over the work, three thouſand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work.

Twenty thouſand meaſures, ver. 11.] A meaſure *(Cor)* is a quarter, and half a buſhel: ſo that it was twenty-one thouſand two hundred and fifty quarters.

17 And the king commanded, and they brought great ſtones, coſtly ſtones, and hewed ſtones, to lay the foundation of the houſe.

18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the ſtone-ſquarers: ſo they prepared timber and ſtones to build the houſe.

CHAP. VI.

The building of Solomon's temple.

AND it came to paſs in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Iſrael were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Iſrael, in the month Zif, which is the ſecond month, that he began to build the houſe of the Lord.

2 And the houſe which king Solomon built for the Lord, the length thereof was threeſcore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.

3 And the porch before the temple of the houſe, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the houſe; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the houſe.

4 And for the houſe he made windows of narrow lights.

5 And againſt the walls of the houſe he built chambers round about, againſt the walls of the houſe round about, both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made chambers round about:

6 The nethermoſt chamber was five cubits broad, and the middle was ſix cubits broad, and the third was ſeven cubits broad: for without in the wall of the houſe he made narrowed reſts round about, that the beams ſhould not be faſtened in the walls of the houſe.

7 And the houſe when it was in building, was built of ſtone made ready before it was brought thither: ſo that there was neither hammer, nor ax, nor any tool of iron heard in the houſe while it was in building.

8 The door for the middle chamber was in the right ſide of the houſe: and they went up with winding ſtairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.

9 So he built the houſe, and finiſhed it; and covered the houſe with beams and boards of cedar.

10 And then he built chambers againſt all the houſe, five cubits high: and they reſted on the houſe with timber of cedar.

11 ¶ And the word of the Lord came to Solomon, ſaying,

12 Concerning this houſe which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my ſtatutes, and execute my judgements, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee which I ſpake unto David thy father:

13 And I will dwell among the children of Iſrael, and will not forſake my people Iſrael.

14 So Solomon built the houſe, and finiſhed it.

15 And he built the walls of the houſe within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the houſe, and the walls of the cieling: and he covered them on the

The oracle, ver. 5.] The ſpeaking-place; becauſe God ſpake with them, and gave them anſwers there. It was the innermoſt room, where the ark was ſet.

inſide with wood, and covered the floor of the houſe with planks of fir.

16 And he built twenty cubits on the ſides of the houſe, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built them for it within, even for the oracle, even for the moſt holy place.

17 And the houſe, that is, the temple before it, was forty cubits long.

18 And the cedar of the houſe within was carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar; there was no ſtone ſeen.

19 And the oracle he prepared in the houſe within, to ſet there the ark of the covenant of the Lord.

20 And the oracle in the forepart was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold; and ſo covered the altar which was of cedar.

21 So Solomon overlaid the houſe within with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold.

22 And the whole houſe he overlaid with gold, until he had finiſhed all the houſe: alſo the whole altar that was by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

23 And within the oracle he made two cherubims of olive-tree, each ten cubits high.

24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub; and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermoſt part of the one wing unto the uttermoſt part of the other were ten cubits.

25 And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubims were of one meaſure and one ſize.

26 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and ſo was it of the other cherub.

27 And he ſet the cherubims within the inner houſe: and they ſtretched forth the wings of the cherubims, ſo that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midſt of the houſe.

28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

29 And he carved all the walls of the houſe round about with carved figures of cherubims, and palm-trees, and open flowers, within and without.

30 And the floor of the houſe he overlaid with gold within and without.

31 And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive-tree: the lintel and ſide-poſts were a fifth part of the wall.

32 The two doors alſo were of olive-tree: and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims, and palm-trees, and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and ſpread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm-trees.

33 So alſo made he for the door of the temple, poſts of olive-tree a fourth part of the wall.

34 And the two doors were of fir-tree: the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding.

35 And he carved thereon cherubims, and palm-trees, and open flowers;

Made two cherubims, ver. 23.] To repreſent the continual attendance and miniſtry of the angels of God, and his ſervice.

and covered them with gold fitted upon carved work.

36 And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed ſtone, and a row of cedar-beams.

37 ¶ In the fourth year was the foundation of the houſe of the Lord laid, in the month Zif:

38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the houſe finiſhed throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the faſhion of it. So he was ſeven years in building it.

CHAP. VII.

The building of Solomon's houſe, &c.

BUT Solomon was building his own houſe thirteen years, and he finiſhed all his houſe.

2 ¶ He built alſo the houſe of the foreſt of Lebanon: the length thereof was an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar-pillars, with cedar-beams upon the pillars.

3 And it was covered with cedar above upon the beams, that lay on forty-five pillars, fifteen in a row.

4 And there were windows in three rows, and light was againſt light in three ranks.

5 And all the doors and poſts were ſquare, with the windows: and light was againſt light in three ranks.

6 And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof was fifty cubits: and the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and the porch was before them, and the other pillars and the thick beams were before them.

7 Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, even the porch of judgement: and it was covered with cedar from one ſide of the floor to the other.

8 ¶ And his houſe where he dwelt had another court within the porch, which was of the like work. Solomon made alſo an houſe for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken to wife, like unto this porch.

9 All theſe were of coſtly ſtones, according to the meaſures of hewed ſtones, ſawed with ſaws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and ſo on the outſide toward the great court.

10 And the foundation was of coſtly ſtones, even great ſtones; ſtones of ten cubits, and ſtones of eight cubits.

11 And above were coſtly ſtones, after the meaſures of hewed ſtones, and cedars.

12 And the great court round about was with three rows of hewed ſtones, and a row of cedar-beams, both for the inner court of the houſe of the Lord, and for the porch of the houſe.

13 ¶ And king Solomon ſent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre.

14 He was a widow's ſon of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in braſs: and he was filled with wiſdom and underſtanding, and cunning to work all works in braſs. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.

Houſe of the foreſt of Lebanon, ver. 2.] So called, from ſome reſemblance it might have to that place, by reaſon of the pleaſant ſhades and groves that were about it.

15 For he caſt two pillars of braſs, of eighteen cubits high a-piece: and a line of twelve cubits did compaſs either of them about.

16 And he made two chapiters of molten braſs to ſet upon the tops of the pillars; the height of the one chapiter was five cubits, and the height of the other chapiter was five cubits:

17 And nets of checker-work, and wreaths of chain-work, for the chapiters which were upon the top of the pillars; ſeven for the one chapiter, and ſeven for the other chapiter.

18 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one net-work, to cover the chapiters that were upon the top with pomegranates: and ſo did he for the other chapiter.

19 And the chapiters that were upon the top of the pillars were of lily-work in the porch, four cubits.

20 And the chapiters upon the two pillars had pomegranates alſo above, over-againſt the belly which was by the net-work; and the pomegranates were two hundred, in rows round about upon the other chapiter.

21 And he ſet up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he ſet up the right pillar, and called the name thereof Jachin: and he ſet up the left pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz.

22 And upon the top of the pillars was lily-work. So was the work of the pillars finiſhed.

23 And he made a molten ſea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other: it was round all about, and his height was five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compaſs it round about.

24 And under the brim of it round about there were knops compaſſing it, ten in a cubit, compaſſing the ſea round about: the knops were caſt in two rows when it was caſt.

25 It ſtood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the weſt, and three looking toward the ſouth, and three looking toward the eaſt: and the ſea was ſet above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

26 And it was a hand-breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thouſand baths.

27 And he made ten baſes of braſs: four cubits was the length of one baſe, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it.

28 And the work of the baſes was on this manner: they had borders, and the borders were between the ledges:

29 And on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubims; and upon the ledges there was a baſe above: and beneath the lions and oxen were certain additions made of thin work.

30 And every baſe had four brazen wheels, and plates of braſs: and the four corners thereof had underſetters: under the laver were underſetters molten, at the ſide of every addition.

31 And the mouth of it within the chapiter and above was a cubit; but the mouth thereof was round after the work of the baſe, a cubit and an half:

Jachin: Boaz, ver. 21.] Signifying, *He ſhall eſtabliſh*; and *In it is ſtrength*. Theſe were types and documents of that ſtrength which was in God, and would be put forth for defending and eſtabliſhing his temple and people.

and alſo upon the mouth of it were gravings with their borders, four-ſquare, not round.

32 And under the borders were four wheels: and the axle-trees of the wheels were joined to the baſe; and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit.

33 And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot-wheel: their axle-trees, and their naves, and their felloes, and their ſpokes, were all molten.

34 And there were four underſetters to the four corners of one baſe; and the underſetters were of the very baſe itſelf.

35 And in the top of the baſe was there a round compaſs of half a cubit high: and on the top of the baſe, the ledges thereof, and the borders thereof, were of the ſame.

36 For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm-trees, according to the proportion of every one, and additions round about.

37 After this manner he made the ten baſes: all of them had one caſting, one meaſure, and one ſize.

38 Then made he ten lavers of braſs: one laver contained forty baths: and every laver was four cubits; and upon every one of the ten baſes one laver.

39 And he put five baſes on the right ſide of the houſe, and five on the left ſide of the houſe: and he ſet the ſea on the right ſide of the houſe eaſtward, over-againſt the ſouth.

40 And Hiram made the lavers, and the ſhovels, and the baſons: ſo Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the houſe of the Lord:

41 The two pillars, and the two bowls of the chapiters that were on the top of the two pillars; and the two net-works, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters which were upon the top of the pillars:

42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two net-works, even two rows of pomegranates for one net-work, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters that were upon the pillars;

43 And the ten baſes, and ten lavers on the baſes;

44 And one ſea, and twelve oxen under the ſea;

45 And the pots, and the ſhovels, and the baſons; and all theſe veſſels which Hiram made to king Solomon, for the houſe of the Lord, were of bright braſs.

46 In the plain of Jordan did the king caſt them, in the clay ground, between Succoth and Zarthan.

47 And Solomon left all the veſſels unweighed, becauſe they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the braſs found out.

48 And Solomon made all the veſſels that pertained unto the houſe of the Lord: the altar of gold, and the table of gold whereupon the ſhew-bread was.

49 And the candleſticks of pure gold, five on the right ſide, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the

Five on the right ſide, and five on the left, ver. 49.] Moſes made but one; Solomon ten, to note the progreſs and encreaſe of knowledge.

flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold,

50 And the bowls, and the ſnuffers, and the baſons, and the ſpoons, and the cenſers, of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner houſe, the moſt holy place, and for the doors of the houſe, to wit, of the temple.

51 So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the houſe of the Lord. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; even the ſilver, and the gold, and the veſſels did he put among the treaſures of the houſe of the Lord.

CHAP. VIII.

The dedication of the temple.

THEN Solomon aſſembled the elders of Iſrael, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Iſrael, unto king Solomon, in Jeruſalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion.

2 And all the men of Iſrael aſſembled themſelves unto king Solomon, at the feaſt in the month Ethanim, which is the ſeventh month.

3 And all the elders of Iſrael came, and the prieſts took up the ark.

4 And they brought up the ark of the Lord, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy veſſels that were in the tabernacle, even thoſe did the prieſts and the Levites bring up.

5 And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Iſrael, that were aſſembled unto him, were with him before the ark, ſacrificing ſheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude:

6 And the prieſts brought in the ark of the covenant of the Lord unto his place, into the oracle of the houſe, to the moſt holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims.

7 For the cherubims ſpread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the ſtaves thereof above.

8 And they drew out the ſtaves, that the ends of the ſtaves were ſeen out in the holy place before the oracle, and they were not ſeen without: and there they are unto this day.

9 There was nothing in the ark ſave the two tables of ſtone, which Moſes put there at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Iſrael, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And it came to paſs, when the prieſts were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the houſe of the Lord,

11 So that the prieſts could not ſtand to miniſter becauſe of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the houſe of the Lord.

12 Then ſpake Solomon, The Lord ſaid that he would dwell in the thick darkneſs.

13 I have ſurely built thee an houſe to dwell in, a ſettled place for thee to abide in for ever.

The Lord ſaid that he would dwell in the thick darkneſs, ver. 12.] Has often manifeſted himſelf in clouds and thick darkneſs, and ſo may be ſaid to dwell in it; though properly he dwells in light.

14 And the king turned his face about, and bleſſed all the congregation of Iſrael. And all the congregation of Iſrael ſtood;

15 And he ſaid, Bleſſed be the Lord God of Iſrael, which ſpake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, ſaying,

16 Since the day that I brought forth my people Iſrael out of Egypt, I choſe no city out of all the tribes of Iſrael to build an houſe that my name might be therein: but I choſe David to be over my people Iſrael.

17 And it was in the heart of David my father to build an houſe for the name of the Lord God of Iſrael.

18 And the Lord ſaid unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an houſe unto my name, thou didſt well that it was in thine heart.

19 Nevertheleſs, thou ſhalt not build the houſe: but thy ſon that ſhall come forth out of thy loins, he ſhall build the houſe unto my name.

20 And the Lord hath performed his word that he ſpake, and I am riſen up in the room of David my father, and ſit on the throne of Iſrael, as the Lord promiſed, and have built an houſe for the name of the Lord God of Iſrael.

21 And I have ſet there a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of the Lord, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ And Solomon ſtood before the altar of the Lord, in the preſence of all the congregation of Iſrael, and ſpread forth his hands toward heaven:

23 And he ſaid, Lord God of Iſrael, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepeſt covenant and mercy with thy ſervants that walk before thee with all their heart;

24 Who haſt kept with thy ſervant David my father that thou promiſedſt him: thou ſpakeſt alſo with thy mouth, and haſt fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

25 Therefore now, Lord God of Iſrael, keep with thy ſervant David my father that thou promiſedſt him, ſaying, There ſhall not fail thee a man in my ſight to ſit on the throne of Iſrael; ſo that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou haſt walked before me.

26 And now, O God of Iſrael, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified which thou ſpakeſt unto thy ſervant David my father.

27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven, and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much leſs this houſe that I have builded?

28 Yet have thou reſpect unto the prayer of thy ſervant, and to his ſupplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer which thy ſervant prayeth before thee to-day:

29 That thine eyes may be open toward this houſe night and day, even toward the place of which thou haſt ſaid, My name ſhall be there: that thou mayeſt hearken unto the prayer which

thy ſervant ſhall make towards this place.

30 And hearken thou to the ſupplication of thy ſervant, and of thy people Iſrael, when they ſhall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place; and when thou heareſt, forgive.

31 If any man treſpaſs againſt his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cauſe him to ſwear, and the oath come before thine altar in this houſe:

32 Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy ſervants, condemning the wicked to bring his way upon his head; and juſtifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteouſneſs.

33 When thy people Iſrael be ſmitten down before the enemy, becauſe they have ſinned againſt thee, and ſhall turn again to thee, and confeſs thy name, and pray, and make ſupplication unto thee in this houſe:

34 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the ſin of thy people Iſrael, and bring them again unto the land which thou gaveſt unto their fathers.

35 When heaven is ſhut up, and there is no rain, becauſe they have ſinned againſt thee; if they pray toward this place, and confeſs thy name, and turn from their ſin, when thou afflicteſt them:

36 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the ſin of thy ſervants, and of thy people Iſrael, that thou teach them the good way wherein they ſhould walk, and give rain upon thy land which thou haſt given to thy people for an inheritance.

37 If there be in the land famine, if there be peſtilence, blaſting, mildew, locuſt, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy beſiege them in the land of their cities, whatſoever plague, whatſoever ſickneſs there be;

38 What prayer and ſupplication ſoever be made by any man, or by all thy people Iſrael, which ſhall know every man the plague of his own heart, and ſpread forth his hands toward this houſe:

39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whoſe heart thou knoweſt; (for thou, even thou only, knoweſt the hearts of all the children of men;)

40 That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gaveſt unto our fathers.

41 Moreover, concerning a ſtranger that is not of thy people Iſrael, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's ſake;

42 (For they ſhall hear of thy great name, and of thy ſtrong hand, and of thy ſtretched-out arm;) when he ſhall come and pray toward this houſe:

43 Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the ſtranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as do thy people Iſrael; and that they may know that this houſe which I have builded is called by thy name.

44 If thy people go out to battle againſt their enemy, whitherſoever thou ſhalt ſend them, and ſhall pray

Towards this place, ver. 29.] They were to turn their faces in prayer towards the temple, thereby to profeſs themſelves worſhippers of the true God, and that they ſought help from him.

unto the Lord toward the city which thou haſt choſen, and toward the houſe that I have built for thy name;

45 Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their ſupplication, and maintain their cauſe.

46 If they ſin againſt thee, (for there is no man that ſinneth not) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, ſo that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;

47 Yet if they ſhall bethink themſelves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make ſupplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, ſaying, We have ſinned, and have done perverſely, we have committed wickedneſs;

48 And ſo return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their ſoul, in the land of their enemies which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land which thou gaveſt unto their fathers, the city which thou haſt choſen, and the houſe which I have built for thy name:

49 Then hear thou their prayer and their ſupplication in heaven, thy dwelling-place, and maintain their cauſe,

50 And forgive thy people that have ſinned againſt thee, and all their tranſgreſſions wherein they have tranſgreſſed againſt thee, and give them compaſſion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compaſſion on them:

51 For they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughteſt forth out of Egypt, from the midſt of the furnace of iron:

52 That thine eyes may be open unto the ſupplication of thy ſervant, and unto the ſupplication of thy people Iſrael, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee.

53 For thou diſt ſeparate them from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou ſpakeſt by the hand of Moſes thy ſervant, when thou broughteſt our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord God.

54 And it was ſo, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and ſupplication unto the Lord, he aroſe from before the altar of the Lord, from kneeling on his knees, with his hands ſpread up to heaven.

55 ¶ And he ſtood, and bleſſed all the congregation of Iſrael with a loud voice, ſaying,

56 Bleſſed be the Lord, that hath given reſt unto his people Iſrael, according to all that he promiſed: there hath not failed one word of all his good promiſe which he promiſed by the hand of Moſes his ſervant.

57 The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forſake us:

58 That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his ſtatutes, and his judgements, which he commanded our fathers.

59 And let theſe my words wherewith I have made ſupplication before the Lord, be nigh unto the Lord our God day and night, that he maintain the cauſe of his ſervant, and the cauſe of

Maintain their cauſe, ver. 49.] Take part with them that repent and pray againſt the unjuſt oppreſſion of their enemies.

his people Iſrael at all times, as the matter ſhall require:

60 That all the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God, and that there is none elſe.

61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his ſtatutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

62 ¶ And the king, and all Iſrael with him, offered ſacrifice before the Lord.

63 And Solomon offered a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, which he offered unto the Lord, two and twenty thouſand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thouſand ſheep. So the king, and all the children of Iſrael, dedicated the houſe of the Lord.

64 The ſame day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the houſe of the Lord: for there he offered burnt-offerings, and meat-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings: becauſe the brazen altar, that was before the Lord, was too little to receive the burnt-offerings, and meat-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings.

65 And at that time Solomon held a feaſt, and all Iſrael with him, a great congregation, from the entering-in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the Lord our God, ſeven days and ſeven days, even fourteen days.

66 On the eighth day he ſent the people away: and they bleſſed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart, for all the goodneſs that the Lord had done for David his ſervant, and for Iſrael his people.

CHAP. IX.

God's covenant in a viſion with Solomon.

AND it came to paſs when Solomon had finiſhed the building of the houſe of the Lord, and the king's houſe, and all Solomon's deſire which he was pleaſed to do,

2 That the Lord appeared to Solomon the ſecond time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon:

3 And the Lord ſaid unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy ſupplication that thou haſt made before me: I have hallowed this houſe which thou haſt built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart ſhall be there perpetually.

4 And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightneſs, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my ſtatutes, and my judgements:

5 Then I will eſtabliſh the throne of thy kingdom upon Iſrael for ever, as I promiſed to David thy father, ſaying, There ſhall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Iſrael.

6 But if ye ſhall at all turn from following me, ye, or your children, and will not keep my commandments, and my ſtatutes, which I have ſet before you, but go and ſerve other gods, and worſhip them:

7 Then will I cut off Iſrael out of the land which I have given them: and this houſe, which I have hallowed for

King hallow the middle of the court, ver. 64.] The king, by the miniſtry of the prieſts, did ſet apart to that holy ſervice, by ſuch rites as were required, the prieſts' court, by erecting other altars, or uſing the pavement as an altar.

my name, will I caſt out of my ſight; and Iſrael ſhall be a proverb and a by-word among all people:

8 And at this houſe, which is high, every one that paſſeth by it ſhall be aſtoniſhed, and ſhall hiſs, and they ſhall ſay, Why hath the Lord done thus unto this land, and to this houſe?

9 And they ſhall anſwer, Becauſe they forſook the Lord their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worſhipped them, and ſerved them; therefore hath the Lord brought upon them all this evil.

10 ¶ And it came to paſs at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houſes, the houſe of the Lord, and the king's houſe,

11 (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furniſhed Solomon with cedar-trees, and fir-trees, and with gold, according to all his deſire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to ſee the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleaſed him not.

13 And he ſaid, What cities are theſe which thou haſt given me, my brother? and he called them the land of Cabul unto this day.

14 And Hiram ſent to the king ſix-ſcore talents of gold.

15 And this is the reaſon of the levy which king Solomon raiſed, for to build the houſe of the Lord, and his own houſe, and Millo, and the wall of Jeruſalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

16 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and taken Gezer, and burned it with fire, and ſlain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a preſent unto his daughter, Solomon's wife.

17 And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the nether,

18 And Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderneſs, in the land,

19 And all the cities of ſtore that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horſemen, and that which Solomon deſired to build in Jeruſalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

20 And all the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebuſites, which were not of the children of Iſrael,

21 Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Iſrael alſo were not able utterly to deſtroy, upon thoſe did Solomon levy a tribute of bond-ſervice unto this day.

22 But of the children of Iſrael did Solomon make no bond-men: but they were men of war, and his ſervants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horſemen.

23 Theſe were the chief of the officers that were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.

24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David, unto her houſe which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo.

Not able utterly to deſtroy, ver. 21.] Partly through their own negligence, and partly through God's providence.

25 ¶ And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt-offerings and peace-offerings upon the altar which he built unto the Lord: and he burned incenſe upon the altar that was before the Lord. So he finiſhed the houſe.

26 And king Solomon made a navy of ſhips in Ezion-geber, which is beſide Eloth, on the ſhore of the Red-ſea, in the land of Edom.

27 And Hiram ſent in the navy his ſervants, ſhipmen that had knowledge of the ſea, with the ſervants of Solomon.

28 And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

CHAP. X.

The queen of Sheba admireth the wiſdom of Solomon: his riches.

AND when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, concerning the name of the Lord, ſhe came to prove him with hard queſtions.

2 And ſhe came to Jeruſalem with a very great train, with camels that bare ſpices, and very much gold, and precious ſtones: and when ſhe was come to Solomon, ſhe communed with him of all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon told her all her queſtions; there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not.

4 And when the queen of Sheba had ſeen all Solomon's wiſdom, and the houſe that he had built,

5 And the meat of his table, and the ſitting of his ſervants, and the attendance of his miniſters and their apparel, and his cup-bearers, and his aſcent by which he went up unto the houſe of the Lord; there was no more ſpirit in her.

6 And ſhe ſaid to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts, and of thy wiſdom.

7 Howbeit, I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had ſeen it: and behold, the half was not told me: thy wiſdom and proſperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.

8 Happy are thy men, happy are theſe thy ſervants, which ſtand continually before thee, and that hear thy wiſdom.

9 Bleſſed be the Lord thy God, which delighteth in thee, to ſet thee on the throne of Iſrael: becauſe the Lord loved Iſrael for ever, therefore made he thee king to do judgement and juſtice.

10 And ſhe gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of ſpices very great ſtore, and precious ſtones. There came no more ſuch abundance of ſpices as theſe which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

11 And the navy alſo of Hiram that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug-trees, and precious ſtones.

12 And the king made of the almug-trees pillars for the houſe of the Lord, and for the king's houſe, harps alſo and pſalteries for ſingers. There came no ſuch almug-trees, nor were ſeen unto this day.

Ophir, ver. 28.] Some part of the Eaſt Indies, to which they might ſail from the Red-ſea all along the coaſt, where only thoſe commodities were to be had.

13 And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her deſire, whatſoever ſhe aſked, beſides that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So ſhe turned and went to her own country, ſhe and her ſervants.

14 ¶ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year, was ſix hundred threeſcore and ſix talents of gold,

15 Beſides that he had of the merchant-men, and of the traffick of the ſpice-merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country.

16 And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: ſix hundred ſhekels of gold went to one target.

17 And he made three hundred ſhields of beaten gold: three pound of gold went to one ſhield. And the king put them in the houſe of the foreſt of Lebanon.

18 Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the beſt gold.

19 The throne had ſix ſteps, and the top of the throne was round behind: and there were ſtays on either ſide on the place of the ſeat, and two lions ſtood beſide the ſtays.

20 And twelve lions ſtood there on the one ſide and on the other upon the ſix ſteps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.

21 And all king Solomon's drinking veſſels were of gold, and all the veſſels of the houſe of the foreſt of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of ſilver. It was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon:

22 For the king had at ſea a navy of Tharſhiſh, with the navy of Hiram. Once in three years came the navy of Tharſhiſh, bringing gold and ſilver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wiſdom.

24 And all the earth ſought to Solomon to hear his wiſdom, which God had put in his heart.

25 And they brought every man his preſent, veſſels of ſilver, and veſſels of gold, and garments, and armour, and ſpices, horſes and mules, a rate year by year.

26 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horſemen: and he had a thouſand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thouſand horſemen, whom he beſtowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jeruſalem.

27 And the king made ſilver to be in Jeruſalem as ſtones, and cedars made he to be as the ſycamore-trees that are in the vale for abundance.

28 And Solomon had horſes brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for ſix hundred ſhekels of ſilver, and an horſe for an hundred and fifty: and ſo for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.

A chariot came up, &c. ver. 29.] The charge of the merchants (partly for the king's cuſtom, and partly for the expence of the journey) when they ſent a chariot or a horſe, was ſixty-eight pounds eight ſhillings nine-pence.

CHAP. XI.

Solomon's wives and concubines in his old age draw him to idolatry.

BUT king Solomon loved many ſtrange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;

2 Of the nations concerning which the Lord ſaid unto the children of Iſrael, Ye ſhall not go in to them, neither ſhall they come in unto you: for ſurely they will turn away your heart after their gods. Solomon clave unto theſe in love.

3 And he had ſeven hundred wives, princeſſes, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

4 For it came to paſs when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father.

5 For Solomon went after Aſhtoreth the goddeſs of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

6 And Solomon did evil in the ſight of the Lord, and went not fully after the Lord, as did David his father.

7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemoſh the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jeruſalem; and for Molech the abomination of the children of Ammon.

8 And likewiſe did he for all his ſtrange wives, which burned incenſe, and ſacrificed unto their gods.

9 ¶ And the Lord was angry with Solomon, becauſe his heart was turned from the Lord God of Iſrael, which had appeared unto him twice,

10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he ſhould not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the Lord commanded.

11 Wherefore the Lord ſaid unto Solomon, Foraſmuch as this is done of thee, and thou haſt not kept my covenant and my ſtatutes which I have commanded thee, I will ſurely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy ſervant.

12 Notwithſtanding, in thy days I will not do it, for David thy father's ſake; but I will rend it out of the hand of thy ſon.

13 Howbeit, I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy ſon, for David my ſervant's ſake, and for Jeruſalem's ſake which I have choſen.

14 ¶ And the Lord ſtirred up an adverſary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite. He was of the king's ſeed in Edom.

15 For it came to paſs when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the hoſt was gone up to bury the ſlain, after he had ſmitten every male in Edom;

16 (For ſix months did Joab remain there, with all Iſrael, until he had cut off every male in Edom,)

17 That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's ſervants with

Solomon did evil, ver. 6.] Though he obſerved God's commands in many things, yet not in all, but mingled the worſhip of the true God and idols together.

him, to go into Egypt: Hadad being yet a little child.

18 And they aroſe out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an houſe, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.

19 And Hadad found great favour in the ſight of Pharaoh, ſo that he gave him to wife the ſiſter of his own wife, the ſiſter of Tahpenes the queen.

20 And the ſiſter of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his ſon, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's houſe: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's houſhold among the ſons of Pharaoh.

21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David ſlept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the hoſt was dead, Hadad ſaid to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country.

22 Then Pharaoh ſaid unto him, But what haſt thou lacked with me, that behold, thou ſeekeſt to go to thine own country? And he anſwered, Nothing: howbeit, let me go in any wiſe.

23 And God ſtirred him up another adverſary, Rezon, the ſon of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:

24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David ſlew them of Zobah. And they went to Damaſcus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damaſcus.

25 And he was an adverſary to Iſrael all the days of Solomon, beſide the miſchief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Iſrael, and reigned over Syria.

26 And Jeroboam, the ſon of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's ſervant, whoſe mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman, even he lifted up his hand againſt the king.

27 And this was the cauſe that he lifted up his hand againſt the king: Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.

28 And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valour: and Solomon ſeeing the young man that he was induſtrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the houſe of Joſeph.

29 And it came to paſs at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jeruſalem, that the prophet Ahijah, the Shilonite, found him in the way: and he had clad himſelf with a new garment: and they two were alone in the field:

30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces.

31 And he ſaid to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus ſaith the Lord the God of Iſrael, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:

32 (But he ſhall have one tribe for my ſervant David's ſake, and for Jeruſalem's ſake, the city which I have choſen out of all the tribes of Iſrael:)

33 Becauſe that they have forſaken me, and have worſhipped Aſhtoreth the goddeſs of the Zidonians, Chemoſh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and

Ahijah caught the new garment, ver. 30.] To ſhew, that though the kingdom was as a new garment, freſh and ſtrong, yet it ſhould be rent.

have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my ſtatutes and my judgements, as did David his father.

34 Howbeit, I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life, for David my ſervant's ſake, whom I choſe, becauſe he kept my commandments and my ſtatutes:

35 But I will take the kingdom out of his ſon's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes.

36 And unto his ſon will I give one tribe, that David my ſervant may have a light alway before me in Jeruſalem, the city which I have choſen me to put my name there.

37 And I will take thee, and thou ſhalt reign according to all that thy ſoul deſireth, and ſhalt be king over Iſrael.

38 And it ſhall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my ſight, to keep my ſtatutes and my commandments, as David my ſervant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a ſure houſe, as I built for David, and will give Iſrael unto thee.

39 And I will for this afflict the ſeed of David, but not for ever.

40 Solomon ſought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam aroſe, and fled into Egypt, unto Shiſhak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

41 ¶ And the reſt of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wiſdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

42 And the time that Solomon reigned in Jeruſalem over all Iſrael was forty years.

43 ¶ And Solomon ſlept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father. And Rehoboam his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XII.

Rehoboam refuſing the old men's counſel, ten tribes revolt, &c.

AND Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Iſrael were come to Shechem to make him king.

2 And it came to paſs, when Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of it, (for he was fled from the preſence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;)

3 That they ſent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Iſrael came, and ſpake unto Rehoboam, ſaying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous ſervice of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will ſerve thee.

5 And he ſaid unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

6 And king Rehoboam conſulted with the old men that ſtood before Solomon his father, while he yet lived, and ſaid, How do ye adviſe that I may anſwer this people?

Kept my commandments and my ſtatutes, ver. 34.] God does not judge of men by particular acts, but by the general courſe and tenor of their lives.

7 And they ſpake unto him, ſaying, If thou wilt be a ſervant unto this people this day, and wilt ſerve them, and anſwer them, and ſpeak good words to them, then they will be thy ſervants for ever.

8 But he forſook the counſel of the old men, which they had given him, and conſulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which ſtood before him:

9 And he ſaid unto them, What counſel give ye that we may anſwer this people, who have ſpoken to me, ſaying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter?

10 And the young men that were grown up with him ſpake unto him, ſaying, Thus ſhalt thou ſpeak unto this people that ſpake unto thee, ſaying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus ſhalt thou ſay unto them, My little finger ſhall be thicker than my father's loins.

11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chaſtiſed you with whips, but I will chaſtiſe you with ſcorpions.

12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, ſaying, Come to me again the third day.

13 And the king anſwered the people roughly, and forſook the old men's counſel that they gave him;

14 And ſpake to them after the counſel of the young men, ſaying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father alſo chaſtiſed you with whips, but I will chaſtiſe you with ſcorpions.

15 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people, for the cauſe was from the Lord, that he might perform his ſaying which the Lord ſpake by Ahijah, the Shilonite, unto Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat.

16 ¶ So when all Iſrael ſaw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people anſwered the king, ſaying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the ſon of Jeſſe: to your tents, O Iſrael: now ſee to thine own houſe, David. So Iſrael departed unto their tents.

17 But as for the children of Iſrael which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then king Rehoboam ſent Adoram, who was over the tribute; and all Iſrael ſtoned him with ſtones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made ſpeed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jeruſalem.

19 So Iſrael rebelled againſt the houſe of David unto this day.

20 And it came to paſs when all Iſrael heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they ſent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Iſrael: there was none that followed the houſe of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

21 And when Rehoboam was come to Jeruſalem, he aſſembled all the houſe of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourſcore thouſand choſen men, which were warriors, to fight againſt the houſe of Iſrael, to bring

See to thine own houſe, David, ver. 16.] Let David and his own tribe and family ſhift for themſelves as well as they can, for he ſhall no longer rule over us.

the kingdom again to Rehoboam the ſon of Solomon.

22 But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, ſaying,

23 Speak unto Rehoboam, the ſon of Solomon king of Judah, and unto all the houſe of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, ſaying,

24 Thus ſaith the Lord, Ye ſhall not go up, nor fight againſt your brethren the children of Iſrael: return every man to his houſe: for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the Lord, and returned to depart, according to the word of the Lord.

25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel.

26 ¶ And Jeroboam ſaid in his heart, Now ſhall the kingdom return to the houſe of David.

27 If this people go up to do ſacrifice in the houſe of the Lord at Jeruſalem, then ſhall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they ſhall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam, king of Judah.

28 Whereupon the king took counſel, and made two calves of gold, and ſaid unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jeruſalem: behold thy gods, O Iſrael, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt!

29 And he ſet the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan.

30 And this thing became a ſin: for the people went to worſhip before the one, even unto Dan.

31 And he made an houſe of high places, and made prieſts of the loweſt of the people which were not of the ſons of Levi.

32 And Jeroboam ordained a feaſt in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feaſt that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Beth-el, ſacrificing unto the calves that he had made; and he placed in Beth-el the prieſts of the high places which he had made.

33 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Beth-el, the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had deviſed of his own heart; and ordained a feaſt unto the children of Iſrael; and he offered upon the altar, and burned incenſe.

CHAP. XIII.

Jeroboam's hand withereth, &c.

AND behold, there came a man of God out of Judah, by the word of the Lord, unto Beth-el: and Jeroboam ſtood by the altar to burn incenſe.

2 And he cried againſt the altar in the word of the Lord, and ſaid, O altar, altar, thus ſaith the Lord, Behold, a child ſhall be born unto the houſe of David, Joſiah by name; and upon thee ſhall he offer the prieſts of

Jeroboam ſaid in his heart, ver, 26.] Reaſoned with himſelf, and conſulted his own imagination and carnal policies, and not God's pleaſure.

the high places that burn incenſe upon thee, and men's bones ſhall be burned upon thee.

3 And he gave a ſign the ſame day, ſaying, This is the ſign which the Lord hath ſpoken: Behold, the altar ſhall be rent, and the aſhes that are upon it ſhall be poured out.

4 And it came to paſs when king Jeroboam heard the ſaying of the man of God, which had cried againſt the altar in Beth-el, that he put forth his hand from the altar, ſaying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth againſt him, dried up, ſo that he could not pull it in again to him.

5 The altar alſo was rent, and the aſhes poured out from the altar, according to the ſign which the man of God had given by the word of the Lord.

6 ¶ And the king anſwered and ſaid unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the Lord thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be reſtored me again. And the man of God beſought the Lord, and the king's hand was reſtored him again, and became as it was before.

7 And the king ſaid unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refreſh thyſelf, and I will give thee a reward.

8 And the man of God ſaid unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine houſe, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

9 For ſo was it charged me by the word of the Lord, ſaying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the ſame way that thou cameſt.

10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el; and his ſons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el: the words which he had ſpoken unto the king, them they told alſo to their father.

12 And their father ſaid unto them, What way went he? for his ſons had ſeen what way the man of God went which came from Judah.

13 And he ſaid unto his ſons, Saddle me the aſs. So they ſaddled him the aſs; and he rode thereon,

14 And went after the man of God, and found him ſitting under an oak; and he ſaid unto him, Art thou the man of God that cameſt from Judah? And he ſaid, I am.

15 Then he ſaid unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

16 And he ſaid, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread, nor drink water with thee in this place.

17 For it was ſaid to me, by the word of the Lord, Thou ſhalt eat no bread, nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou cameſt.

18 He ſaid unto him, I am a prophet alſo as thou art; and an angel ſpake unto me, by the word of the Lord, ſaying, Bring him back with thee into thine houſe, that he may eat bread,

Eat no bread, nor drink water, ver. 9.] To ſhew his deteſtation of ſuch an idolatrous place and people.

and drink water. But he lied unto him.

19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his houſe, and drank water.

20 And it came to paſs, as they ſat at the table, that the word of the Lord came unto the prophet that brought him back:

21 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, ſaying, Thus ſaith the Lord, Foraſmuch as thou haſt diſobeyed the mouth of the Lord, and haſt not kept the commandment which the Lord thy God commanded thee;

22 But cameſt back, and haſt eaten bread and drank water, in the place of the which the Lord did ſay to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcaſs ſhall not come unto the ſepulchre of thy fathers.

23 ¶ And it came to paſs, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drank, that he ſaddled for him the aſs, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and ſlew him: and his carcaſs was caſt in the way, and the aſs ſtood by it, the lion alſo ſtood by the carcaſs.

25 And behold, men paſſed by, and ſaw the carcaſs caſt in the way, and the lion ſtanding by the carcaſs: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And when the prophet, that brought him back from the way, heard thereof, he ſaid, It is the man of God, who was diſobedient unto the word of the Lord: therefore the Lord hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and ſlain him, according to the word of the Lord, which he ſpake unto him.

27 And he ſpake to his ſons, ſaying, Saddle me the aſs. And they ſaddled him.

28 And he went, and found his carcaſs caſt in the way, and the aſs and the lion ſtanding by the carcaſs: the lion had not eaten the carcaſs, nor torn the aſs.

29 And the prophet took up the carcaſs of the man of God, and laid it upon the aſs, and brought it back. And the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

30 And he laid his carcaſs in his own grave; and they mourned over him, ſaying, Alas, my brother!

31 And it came to paſs after he had buried him, that he ſpake to his ſons, ſaying, When I am dead, then bury me in the ſepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beſide his bones.

32 For the ſaying which he cried by the word of the Lord againſt the altar in Beth-el, and againſt all the houſes of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, ſhall ſurely come to paſs.

33 ¶ After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the loweſt of the people prieſts of the high places: whoſoever would, he conſecrated him, and he became one of the prieſts of the high places.

Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, ver. 33.] Neither judgements, nor mercies, nor miracles, will reclaim ſinners without the ſpecial grace of God.

34 And this thing became ſin unto the houſe of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to deſtroy it from off the face of the earth.

CHAP. XIV.

Abijah, Jeroboam's ſon, ſick, &c.

AT that time Abijah, the ſon of Jeroboam, fell ſick.

2 And Jeroboam ſaid to his wife, Ariſe, I pray thee, and diſguiſe thyſelf, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh: behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, which told me that I ſhould be king over this people.

3 And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a cruiſe of honey, and go to him: he ſhall tell thee what ſhall become of the child.

4 And Jeroboam's wife did ſo, and aroſe, and went to Shiloh, and came to the houſe of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not ſee; for his eyes were ſet, by reaſon of his age.

5 ¶ And the Lord ſaid unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to aſk a thing of thee for her ſon; for he is ſick: thus and thus ſhalt thou ſay unto her: for it ſhall be, when ſhe cometh in, that ſhe ſhall feign herſelf to be another woman.

6 And it was ſo, when Ahijah heard the ſound of her feet as ſhe came in at the door, that he ſaid, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam: why feigneſt thou thyſelf to be another? for I am ſent to thee with heavy tidings.

7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſrael, Foraſmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Iſrael,

8 And rent the kingdom away from the houſe of David, and gave it thee; and yet thou haſt not been as my ſervant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in mine eyes;

9 But haſt done evil above all that were before thee: for thou haſt gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and haſt caſt me behind thy back;

10 Therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the houſe of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him that piſſeth againſt the wall, and him that is ſhut up and left in Iſrael, and will take away the remnant of the houſe of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

11 Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city ſhall the dogs eat: and him that dieth in the field ſhall the fowls of the air eat: for the Lord hath ſpoken it.

12 Ariſe thou, therefore, get thee to thine own houſe; and when thy feet enter into the city, the child ſhall die.

13 And all Iſrael ſhall mourn for him, and bury him: for he only of Jeroboam ſhall come to the grave, becauſe in him there is found ſome good thing toward the Lord God of Iſrael in the houſe of Jeroboam.

Diſguiſe thyſelf, ver. 2.] Leſt, if the prophet ſhould know her, he would refuſe her an anſwer; or if the people ſhould know it, they might forſake his prieſts and idols, and go to the true prophets.

14 Moreover the Lord ſhall raiſe him up a king over Iſrael, who ſhall cut off the houſe of Jeroboam that day: but what? even now.

15 For the Lord ſhall ſmite Iſrael as a reed is ſhaken in the water, and he ſhall root up Iſrael out of this good land which he gave to their fathers, and ſhall ſcatter them beyond the river, becauſe they have made their groves, provoking the Lord to anger.

16 And he ſhall give Iſrael up, becauſe of the ſins of Jeroboam, who did ſin, and who made Iſrael to ſin.

17 And Jeroboam's wife aroſe, and departed, and came to Tirzah: and when ſhe came to the threſhold of the door, the child died.

18 And they buried him; and all Iſrael mourned for him, according to the word of the Lord which he ſpake by the hand of his ſervant Ahijah the prophet.

19 And the reſt of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael.

20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years: and he ſlept with his fathers, and Nadab his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

21 And Rehoboam the ſon of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned ſeventeen years in Jeruſalem, the city which the Lord did chuſe out of all the tribes of Iſrael to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah, an Ammoniteſs.

22 And Judah did evil in the ſight of the Lord, and they provoked him to jealouſy with their ſins which they had commited, above all that their fathers had done.

23 For they alſo built them high places, and images, and groves on every high hill, and under every green tree.

24 And there were alſo ſodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord caſt out before the children of Iſrael.

25 And it came to paſs in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shiſhak king of Egypt came up againſt Jeruſalem.

26 And he took away the treaſures of the houſe of the Lord, and the treaſures of the king's houſe: he even took away all: and he took away all the ſhields of gold which Solomon had made.

27 And king Rehoboam made in their ſtead brazen ſhields, and committed them unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's houſe.

28 And it was ſo, when the king went into the houſe of the Lord, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.

29 Now the reſt of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.

31 And Rehoboam ſlept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name was Naamah, an Ammoniteſs. And Abijam his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

But what? even now, ver. 14.] When ſhall this come to paſs?——Preſently, without delay.

CHAP. XV.

Abijam's wicked reign.

NOW in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah.

2 Three years reigned he in Jeruſalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abiſhalom.

3 And he walked in all the ſins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father.

4 Nevertheleſs, for David's ſake did the Lord his God give him a lamp in Jeruſalem, to ſet up his ſon after him, and to eſtabliſh Jeruſalem:

5 Becauſe David did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, and turned not aſide from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, ſave only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

6 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

7 Now the reſt of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

8 ¶ And Abijam ſlept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: And Aſa his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

9 And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Iſrael reigned Aſa over Judah.

10 And forty and one years reigned he in Jeruſalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abiſhalom.

11 And Aſa did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, as did David his father.

12 And he took away the ſodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

13 And alſo Maachah his mother, even her he removed from being queen, becauſe ſhe had made an idol in a grove; and Aſa deſtroyed her idol, and burned it by the brook Kidron.

14 But the high places were not removed: nevertheleſs, Aſa's heart was perfect with the Lord all his days.

15 And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himſelf had dedicated, into the houſe of the Lord, ſilver, and gold, and veſſels.

16 And there was war between Aſa and Baaſha, king of Iſrael, all their days.

17 And Baaſha, king of Iſrael, went up againſt Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not ſuffer any to go out or come in to Aſa king of Judah.

18 Then Aſa took all the ſilver and the gold that were left in the treaſures of the houſe of the Lord, and the treaſures of the king's houſe, and delivered them into the hand of his ſervants: and king Aſa ſent them to Ben-hadad the ſon of Tabrimon, the ſon of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damaſcus, ſaying,

Not ſuffer any to go out, &c. ver. 17.] To keep his ſubjects from revolting to Aſa, and to keep Aſa's ſubjects from his dominions, that they might not have an opportunity of ſeducing his people from their obedience.

19 There is a league between me and thee, and between my father and thy father: behold, I have ſent unto thee a preſent of ſilver and gold; come, and break thy league with Baaſha king of Iſrael, that he may depart from me.

20 So Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Aſa, and ſent the captains of the hoſts which he had, againſt the cities of Iſrael, and ſmote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21 And it came to paſs, when Baaſha heard thereof, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

22 Then king Aſa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none was exempted: and they took away the ſtones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baaſha had builded; and king Aſa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpeh.

23 The reſt of all the acts of Aſa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? nevertheleſs, in the time of his old age he was diſeaſed in his feet.

24 ¶ And Aſa ſlept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoſhaphat his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

25 And Nadab the ſon of Jeroboam began to reign over Iſrael in the ſecond year of Aſa king of Judah, and reigned over Iſrael two years.

26 And he did evil in the ſight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in his ſin wherewith he made Iſrael to ſin.

27 And Baaſha the ſon of Ahijah, of the houſe of Iſſachar, conſpired againſt him: and Baaſha ſmote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philiſtines. For Nadab and all Iſrael laid ſiege to Gibbethon.

28 Even in the third year of Aſa king of Judah did Baaſha ſlay him, and reigned in his ſtead.

29 And it came to paſs, when he reigned, that he ſmote all the houſe of Jeroboam: he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had deſtroyed him, according unto the ſaying of the Lord which he ſpake by his ſervant Ahijah the Shilonite:

30 Becauſe of the ſins of Jeroboam which he ſinned, and which he made Iſrael ſin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the Lord God of Iſrael to anger.

31 Now the reſt of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

32 And there was war between Aſa and Baaſha king of Iſrael all their days.

33 ¶ In the third year of Aſa king of Judah began Baaſha the ſon of Ahijah to reign over all Iſrael in Tirzah, twenty and four years.

34 And he did evil in the ſight of the Lord, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his ſin wherewith he made Iſrael to ſin.

CHAP. XVI.

Jehu's propheſy againſt Baaſha.

THEN the word of the Lord came to Jehu, the ſon of Hanani, againſt Baaſha, ſaying,

2 Foraſmuch as I exalted thee out of the duſt, and made thee prince over my people Iſrael; and thou haſt walked in the way of Jeroboam, and haſt made my people Iſrael to ſin, to provoke me to anger with their ſins;

3 Behold, I will take away the poſterity of Baaſha, and the poſterity of his houſe: and will make thy houſe like the houſe of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat.

4 Him that dieth of Baaſha in the city ſhall the dogs eat, and him that dieth of his in the fields ſhall the fowls of the air eat.

5 Now the reſt of the acts of Baaſha, and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

6 So Baaſha ſlept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah. And Elah his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

7 And alſo by the hand of the prophet Jehu, the ſon of Hanani, came the word of the Lord againſt Baaſha, and againſt his houſe, even for all the evil that he did in the ſight of the Lord, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the houſe of Jeroboam; and becauſe he killed him.

8 ¶ In the twenty and ſixth year of Aſa king of Judah began Elah the ſon of Baaſha to reign over Iſrael in Tirzah, two years.

9 And his ſervant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conſpired againſt him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himſelf drunk in the houſe of Arza, ſteward of his houſe in Tirzah.

10 And Zimri went in and ſmote him, and killed him, in the twenty and ſeventh year of Aſa king of Judah, and reigned in his ſtead.

11 And it came to paſs when he began to reign, as ſoon as he ſat on his throne, that he ſlew all the houſe of Baaſha: he left him not one that piſſeth againſt a wall, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends.

12 Thus did Zimri deſtroy all the houſe of Baaſha, according to the word of the Lord which he ſpake againſt Baaſha by Jehu the prophet;

13 For all the ſins of Baaſha, and the ſins of Elah his ſon, by which they ſinned, and by which they made Iſrael to ſin, in provoking the Lord God of Iſrael to anger with their vanities.

14 Now the reſt of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

15 In the twenty and ſeventh year of Aſa, king of Judah, did Zimri reign ſeven days in Tirzah. And the people were encamped againſt Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philiſtines.

16 And the people that were encamped heard ſay, Zimri hath conſpired, and hath alſo ſlain the king: wherefore all Iſrael made Omri the captain

Him that dieth, &c. ver. 4.] Here the ſame puniſhment is threatened to attend on Baaſha, as on Jeroboam, (ch. xiv. 10, 11.) becauſe he perſiſted in the ſame ſin.

of the hoſt king over Iſrael that day in the camp.

17 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Iſrael with him, and they beſieged Tirzah.

18 And it came to paſs when Zimri ſaw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's houſe, and burned the king's houſe over him with fire, and died;

19 For his ſins which he ſinned in doing evil in the ſight of the Lord, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his ſin which he did to make Iſrael to ſin.

20 Now the reſt of the acts of Zimri, and his treaſon that he wrought, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

21 Then were the people of Iſrael divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni, the ſon of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

22 But the people that followed Omri prevailed againſt the people that followed Tibni, the ſon of Ginath. So Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

23 In the thirty and firſt year of Aſa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Iſrael twelve years: ſix years reigned he in Tirzah.

24 And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of ſilver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill Samaria.

25 But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the Lord, and did worſe than all that were before him:

26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam, the ſon of Nebat, and in his ſin wherewith he made Iſrael to ſin, to provoke the Lord God of Iſrael to anger with their vanities.

27 Now the reſt of the acts of Omri, which he did, and his might that he ſhewed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

28 So Omri ſlept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria. And Ahab his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

29 ¶ And in the thirty and eighth year of Aſa, king of Judah, began Ahab the ſon of Omri to reign over Iſrael: and Ahab the ſon of Omri reigned over Iſrael, in Samaria, twenty and two years.

30 And Ahab, the ſon of Omri, did evil in the ſight of the Lord above all that were before him.

31 And it came to paſs, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Zidonians, and went and ſerved Baal, and worſhipped him.

32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the houſe of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

33 And Ahab made a grove: and Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Iſrael to anger than all the kings of Iſrael that were before him.

34 ¶ In his days did Hiel, the Bethelite, build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firſt-born, and ſet up the gates thereof in his youngeſt ſon Segub, according to the word of the Lord which he ſpake by Joſhua the ſon of Nun.

CHAP. XVII.

Elijah, propheſying againſt Ahab, is ſent to Cherith, &c.

AND Elijah, the Tiſhbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, ſaid unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Iſrael liveth, before whom I ſtand, there ſhall not be dew nor rain theſe years, but according to my word.

2 And the word of the Lord came unto him, ſaying,

3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eaſt-ward, and hide thyſelf by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

4 And it ſhall be, that thou ſhalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5 So he went, and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and fleſh in the morning, and bread and fleſh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

7 And it came to paſs, after a while, that the brook dried up, becauſe there had been no rain in the land.

8 ¶ And the word of the Lord came unto him, ſaying,

9 Ariſe, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to ſuſtain thee.

10 So he aroſe, and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of ſticks: and he called to her, and ſaid, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a veſſel, that I may drink.

11 And as ſhe was going to fetch it, he called to her, and ſaid, Bring me, I pray thee, a morſel of bread in thine hand.

12 And ſhe ſaid, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruiſe: and behold, I am gathering two ſticks, that I may go in, and dreſs it for me and my ſon, that we may eat it and die.

13 And Elijah ſaid unto her, Fear not: go, and do as thou haſt ſaid; but make me thereof a little cake firſt, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy ſon.

14 For thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſrael, The barrel of meal ſhall not waſte, neither ſhall the cruiſe of oil fail, until the day that the Lord ſendeth rain upon the earth.

15 And ſhe went, and did according to the ſaying of Elijah: and ſhe, and he, and her houſe did eat many days.

16 And the barrel of meal waſted not, neither did the cruiſe of oil fail,

But according to my word, ver. 1.] What I ſhall declare to be the will of God in this caſe.

according to the word of the Lord which he ſpake by Elijah.

17 ¶ And it came to paſs after theſe things, that the ſon of the woman, the miſtreſs of the houſe, fell ſick; and his ſickneſs was ſo ſore that there was no breath left in him.

18 And ſhe ſaid unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my ſin to remembrance, and to ſlay my ſon.

19 And he ſaid unto her, Give me thy ſon. And he took him out of her boſom, and carried him up into a loft where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

20 And he cried unto the Lord, and ſaid, O Lord my God, haſt thou alſo brought evil upon the widow with whom I ſojourn, by ſlaying her ſon?

21 And he ſtretched himſelf upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord, and ſaid, O Lord my God, I pray thee, let this child's ſoul come into him again.

22 And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the ſoul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the houſe, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah ſaid, See, thy ſon liveth.

24 And the woman ſaid to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth.

CHAP. XVIII.

Elijah meeteth with good Obadiah.

AND it came to paſs after many days, that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, ſaying, Go, ſhew thyſelf unto Ahab; and I will ſend rain upon the earth.

2 And Elijah went to ſhew himſelf unto Ahab. And there was a ſore famine in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his houſe. (Now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly:

4 For it was ſo, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the Lord, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

5 And Ahab ſaid unto Obadiah, Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find graſs to ſave the horſes and mules alive, that we loſe not all the beaſts.

6 So they divided the land between them to paſs throughout it: Ahab went one way by himſelf, and Obadiah went another way by himſelf.

7 And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and ſaid, Art thou that my lord Elijah?

8 And he anſwered him, I am: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

9 And he ſaid, What have I ſinned, that thou wouldeſt deliver thy ſervant into the hand of Ahab, to ſlay me?

Stretched himſelf upon the child, ver. 21.] To ſhew his earneſt deſire of the child's life, and that he would even be willing to impart his own life to him.

10 As the Lord thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom whither my lord hath not ſent to ſeek thee: and when they ſaid, He is not there; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.

11 And now thou ſayeſt, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

12 And it ſhall come to paſs, as ſoon as I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the Lord ſhall carry thee whither I know not; and ſo when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he ſhall ſlay me. But I thy ſervant fear the Lord from my youth.

13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel ſlew the prophets of the Lord, how I hid an hundred men of the Lord's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

14 And now thou ſayeſt, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here: and he ſhall ſlay me.

15 And Elijah ſaid, As the Lord of hoſts liveth, before whom I ſtand, I will ſurely ſhew myſelf unto him to-day.

16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him. And Ahab went to meet Elijah.

17 ¶ And it came to paſs when Ahab ſaw Elijah, that Ahab ſaid unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Iſrael.

18 And he anſwered, I have not troubled Iſrael; but thou and thy father's houſe, in that ye have forſaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou haſt followed Baalim.

19 Now therefore ſend, and gather to me all Iſrael unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.

20 So Ahab ſent unto all the children of Iſrael, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and ſaid, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people anſwered him not a word.

22 Then ſaid Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks, and let them chooſe one bullock for themſelves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dreſs the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under.

24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord: and the god that anſwereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people anſwered and ſaid, It is well ſpoken.

25 And Elijah ſaid unto the prophets of Baal, Chooſe ye one bullock for yourſelves, and dreſs it firſt; for ye are many: and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under.

26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dreſſed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, ſaying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that anſwered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

Leaped upon the altar, ver. 26.] As if they themſelves were willing to be ſacrificed; or as if they themſelves would fetch fire from heaven.

27 And it came to paſs at noon that Elijah mocked them, and ſaid, Cry aloud; for he is a god: either he is talking, or he is purſuing, or he is in a journey; or peradventure he ſleepeth, and muſt be awaked.

28 And they cried aloud, and cut themſelves after their manner with knives, and lancets, till the blood guſhed out upon them.

29 And it came to paſs when midday was paſt, and they propheſied until the time of the offering of the evening ſacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to anſwer, nor any that regarded.

30 And Elijah ſaid unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down.

31 And Elijah took twelve ſtones, according to the number of the tribes of the ſons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the Lord came, ſaying, Iſrael ſhall be thy name.

32 And with the ſtones he built an altar in the name of the Lord: and he made a trench about the altar as great as would contain two meaſures of ſeed.

33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and ſaid, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt-ſacrifice, and on the wood.

34 And he ſaid, Do it the ſecond time. And they did it the ſecond time. And he ſaid, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

35 And the water ran round about the altar: and he filled the trench alſo with water.

36 And it came to paſs at the time of the offering of the evening ſacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and ſaid, Lord God of Abraham, Iſaac, and of Iſrael, let it be known this day that thou art God in Iſrael, and that I am thy ſervant, and that I have done all theſe things at thy word.

37 Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou haſt turned their heart back again.

38 Then the fire of the Lord fell, and conſumed the burnt-ſacrifice, and the wood, and the ſtones, and the duſt, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 And when all the people ſaw it, they fell on their faces: and they ſaid, The Lord, he is the God: the Lord, he is the God.

40 And Elijah ſaid unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them eſcape. And they took them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kiſhon, and ſlew them there.

41 ¶ And Elijah ſaid unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink: for there is a ſound of abundance of rain.

42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he caſt himſelf down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

43 And ſaid to his ſervant, Go up now, look toward the ſea. And he went up, and looked, and ſaid, There

Propheſied, &c. ver. 29.] Raved, as frantic, and uttered ſome ſtrange ſpeeches, which the common people took for propheſies.

is nothing. And he ſaid, Go again ſeven times.

44 And it came to paſs at the ſeventh time, that he ſaid, Behold, there ariſeth a little cloud out of the ſea like a man's hand. And he ſaid, Go up, ſay unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain ſtop thee not.

45 And it came to paſs in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel.

46 And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah: and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

CHAP. XIX.

Elijah, threatened by Jezebel, is comforted by an angel, &c.

AND Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal, how he had ſlain all the prophets with the ſword.

2 Then Jezebel ſent a meſſenger unto Elijah, ſaying, So let the gods do to me, and more alſo, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to-morrow about this time.

3 And when he ſaw that, he aroſe, and went for his life, and came to Beer-ſheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his ſervant there.

4 ¶ But he himſelf went a day's journey into the wilderneſs, and came and ſat down under a juniper-tree: and he requeſted for himſelf that he might die; and ſaid, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

5 And as he lay and ſlept under a juniper-tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and ſaid unto him, Ariſe, and eat.

6 And he looked, and behold there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruiſe of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7 And the angel of the Lord came again the ſecond time, and touched him, and ſaid, Ariſe, and eat; becauſe the journey is too great for thee.

8 And he aroſe, and did eat and drink, and went in the ſtrength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

9 ¶ And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him; and he ſaid unto him, What doeſt thou here, Elijah?

10 And he ſaid, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hoſts: for the children of Iſrael have forſaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and ſlain thy prophets with the ſword; and I, even I only, am left; and they ſeek my life to take it away.

11 And he ſaid, Go forth, and ſtand upon the mount before the Lord. And behold, the Lord paſſed by, and a great and ſtrong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earth-

That he might die, ver. 4.] *i. e.* I have lived long enough for thy ſervice, and am not like to do thee any more.

quake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake:

12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a ſtill ſmall voice.

13 And it was ſo, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and ſtood in the entering-in of the cave. And behold, there came a voice unto him, and ſaid, What doeſt thou here, Elijah?

14 And he ſaid, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hoſts: becauſe the children of Iſrael have forſaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and ſlain thy prophets with the ſword; and I, even I only, am left; and they ſeek my life to take it away.

15 And the Lord ſaid unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderneſs of Damaſcus: and when thou comeſt, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

16 And Jehu the ſon of Nimſhi ſhalt thou anoint to be king over Iſrael: and Eliſha the ſon of Shaphat of Abelmeholah ſhalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

17 And it ſhall come to paſs, that him that eſcapeth the ſword of Hazael, ſhall Jehu ſlay: and him that eſcapeth from the ſword of Jehu ſhall Eliſha ſlay.

18 Yet I have left me ſeven thouſand in Iſrael, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kiſſed him.

19 ¶ So he departed thence, and found Eliſha the ſon of Shaphat, who was ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth. And Elijah paſſed by him, and caſt his mantle upon him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and ſaid, Let me, I pray thee, kiſs my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he ſaid unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and ſlew them, and boiled their fleſh with the inſtruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people and they did eat. Then he aroſe, and went after Elijah, and miniſtered unto him.

CHAP. XX.

Ben-hadad beſiegeth Samaria.

AND Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his hoſt together: and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horſes, and chariots: and he went up, and beſieged Samaria, and warred againſt it.

2 And he ſent meſſengers to Ahab king of Iſrael into the city, and ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith Ben-hadad;

3 Thy ſilver and thy gold is mine; thy wives alſo and thy children, even the goodlieſt, are mine.

4 And the king of Iſrael anſwered and ſaid, My lord, O king, according to thy ſaying, I am thine, and all that I have.

5 And the meſſengers came again, and ſaid, Thus ſpeaketh Ben-hadad, ſaying, Although I have ſent unto thee, ſaying, Thou ſhalt deliver me thy ſil-

A ſtill ſmall voice, ver. 11.] A diſtinct expreſſion of God's mind, that might, without any terror, be heard and underſtood.

ver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children;

6 Yet I will ſend my ſervants unto thee to-morrow about this time, and they ſhall ſearch thine houſe, and the houſes of thy ſervants; and it ſhall be, that whatſoever is pleaſant in thine eyes, they ſhall put it in their hand, and take it away.

7 Then the king of Iſrael called all the elders of the land, and ſaid, Mark, I pray you, and ſee how this man ſeeketh miſchief: for he ſent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my ſilver, and for my gold; and I denied him not.

8 And all the elders, and all the people, ſaid unto him, Hearken not unto him, nor conſent.

9 Wherefore he ſaid unto the meſſengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didſt ſend for to thy ſervant at the firſt, I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the meſſengers departed, and brought him word again.

10 And Ben-hadad ſent unto him, and ſaid, The gods do ſo unto me and more alſo, if the duſt of Samaria ſhall ſuffice for handfuls for all the people that follow me.

11 And the king of Iſrael anſwered and ſaid, Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on his harneſs boaſt himſelf as he that putteth it off.

12 And it came to paſs, when Ben-hadad heard this meſſage, as he was drinking, he and the kings, in the pavilions, that he ſaid unto his ſervants, Set yourſelves in array. And they ſet themſelves in array againſt the city.

13 ¶ And behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Iſrael, ſaying, Thus ſaith the Lord, Haſt thou ſeen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou ſhalt know that I am the Lord.

14 And Ahab ſaid, By whom? And he ſaid, Thus ſaith the Lord, Even by the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he ſaid, Who ſhall order the battle? And he anſwered, Thou.

15 Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty-two: and after them he numbered all the people, even all the children of Iſrael, being ſeven thouſand.

16 And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad was drinking himſelf drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.

17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out firſt, and Ben-hadad ſent out, and they told him, ſaying, There are men come out of Samaria.

18 And he ſaid, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive.

19 So theſe young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them.

20 And they ſlew every one his man. And the Syrians fled; and Iſ-

Let not him that girdeth on his harneſs, &c. ver. 11.] Let not him that begins any enterprize boaſt of his ſucceſs as if he had finiſhed it.

rael purſued them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria eſcaped on an horſe, with the horſemen.

21 And the king of Iſrael went out, and ſmote the horſes and chariots, and ſlew the Syrians with a great ſlaughter.

22 And the prophet came to the king of Iſrael, and ſaid unto him, Go, ſtrengthen thyſelf, and mark, and ſee what thou doeſt: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up againſt thee.

23 And the ſervants of the king of Syria ſaid unto him, Their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were ſtronger than we: but let us fight againſt them in the plain, and ſurely we ſhall be ſtronger than they.

24 And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms;

25 And number thee an army, like the army that thou haſt loſt, horſe for horſe, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight againſt them in the plain, and ſurely we ſhall be ſtronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did ſo.

26 And it came to paſs at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight againſt Iſrael.

27 And the children of Iſrael were numbered, and were all preſent, and went againſt them: and the children of Iſrael pitched before them, like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.

28 And there came a man of God, and ſpake unto the king of Iſrael, and ſaid, Thus ſaith the Lord, Becauſe the Syrians have ſaid, The Lord is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys; therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye ſhall know that I am the Lord.

29 And they pitched one over-againſt the other ſeven days. And ſo it was, that in the ſeventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Iſrael ſlew of the Syrians an hundred thouſand footmen in one day.

30 But the reſt fled to Aphek, into the city; and there a wall fell upon twenty and ſeven thouſand of the men that were left. And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber.

31 ¶ And his ſervants ſaid unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the houſe of Iſrael are merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put ſackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Iſrael: peradventure he will ſave thy life.

32 So they girded ſackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Iſrael, and ſaid, Thy ſervant Ben-hadad ſaith, I pray thee, let me live. And he ſaid, Is he yet alive? he is my brother.

33 Now the men did diligently obſerve whether any thing would come from him, and did haſtily catch it: and they ſaid, Thy brother Ben-hadad. Then he ſaid, Go ye, bring him. Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he cauſed him to come up into the chariot.

34 And Ben-hadad ſaid unto him, The cities which my father took from thy father, I will reſtore: and thou ſhalt make ſtreets for thee in Damaſcus, as my father made in Samaria. Then ſaid Ahab, I will ſend thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and ſent him away.

35 ¶ And a certain man of the ſons of the prophets ſaid unto his neighbour in the word of the Lord, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refuſed to ſmite him.

36 Then ſaid he unto him, Becauſe thou haſt not obeyed the voice of the Lord, behold, as ſoon as thou art departed from me, a lion ſhall ſlay thee. And as ſoon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and ſlew him.

37 Then he found another man, and ſaid, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man ſmote him, ſo that in ſmiting he wounded him.

38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king, by the way, and diſguiſed himſelf with aſhes upon his face.

39 And as the king paſſed by, he cried unto the king: and he ſaid, Thy ſervant went out into the midſt of the battle, and behold, a man turned aſide, and brought a man unto me, and ſaid, Keep this man: if by any means he be miſſing, then ſhall thy life be for his life, or elſe thou ſhalt pay a talent of ſilver.

40 And as thy ſervant was buſy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto him, So ſhall thy judgement be: thyſelf haſt decided it.

41 And he haſted, and took the aſhes away from his face; and the king of Iſrael diſcerned him that he was of the prophets.

42 And he ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith the Lord, Becauſe thou haſt let go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter deſtruction, therefore thy life ſhall go for his life, and thy people for his people.

43 And the king of Iſrael went to his houſe heavy and diſpleaſed, and came to Samaria.

CHAP. XXI.

Ahab is denied Naboth's vineyard.

AND it came to paſs after theſe things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2 And Ahab ſpake unto Naboth, ſaying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, becauſe it is near unto my houſe: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or if it ſeem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.

3 And Naboth ſaid to Ahab, The Lord forbid it me that I ſhould give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

4 And Ahab came into his houſe heavy and diſpleaſed, becauſe of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had ſpoken to him. For he had ſaid, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

Thy ſervant went out, ver. 39.] He delivers his tale in a parable, thereby to bring Ahab to give judgement againſt himſelf.

5 ¶ But Jezebel his wife came to him, and ſaid unto him, Why is thy ſpirit ſo ſad that thou eateſt no bread?

6 And he ſaid unto her, Becauſe I ſpake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and ſaid unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or elſe, if it pleaſe thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he anſwered, I will not give thee my vineyard.

7 And Jezebel his wife ſaid unto him, Doſt thou now govern the kingdom of Iſrael? ariſe, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

8 So ſhe wrote letters in Ahab's name, and ſealed them with his ſeal, and ſent the letters unto the elders, and to the nobles that were in his city dwelling with Naboth.

9 And ſhe wrote in the letters, ſaying, Proclaim a faſt, and ſet Naboth on high among the people:

10 And ſet two men, ſons of Belial before him, to bear witneſs againſt him, ſaying, Thou didſt blaſpheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and ſtone him, that he may die.

11 And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had ſent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which ſhe had ſent unto them.

12 They proclaimed a faſt, and ſet Naboth on high among the people.

13 And there came in two men, children of Belial, and ſat before him: and the men of Belial witneſſed againſt him, even againſt Naboth, in the preſence of the people, ſaying, Naboth did blaſpheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and ſtoned him with ſtones, that he died.

14 Then they ſent to Jezebel, ſaying, Naboth is ſtoned, and is dead.

15 And it came to paſs when Jezebel heard that Naboth was ſtoned, and was dead, that Jezebel ſaid to Ahab, Ariſe, take poſſeſſion of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refuſed to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead.

16 And it came to paſs when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab roſe up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take poſſeſſion of it.

17 ¶ And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tiſhbite, ſaying,

18 Ariſe, go down to meet Ahab king of Iſrael, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to poſſeſs it.

19 And thou ſhalt ſpeak unto him, ſaying, Thus ſaith the Lord, Haſt thou killed, and alſo taken poſſeſſion? And thou ſhalt ſpeak unto him, ſaying, Thus ſaith the Lord, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, ſhall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

20 And Ahab ſaid to Elijah, Haſt thou found me, O mine enemy? And he anſwered, I have found thee: becauſe thou haſt ſold thyſelf to work evil in ſight of the Lord.

21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy poſterity,

Proclaim a faſt, ver. 9.] As if God had been mightily provoked by Naboth's heinous ſin, and muſt be ſought unto, and have juſtice executed, that he might be pacified.

and will cut off from Ahab him that piſſeth againſt the wall, and him that is ſhut up, and left in Iſrael:

22 And will make thine houſe like the houſe of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, and like the houſe of Baaſha the ſon of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou haſt provoked me to anger, and made Iſrael to ſin.

23 And of Jezebel alſo ſpake the Lord, ſaying, The dogs ſhall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs ſhall eat: and him that dieth in the field ſhall the fowls of the air eat.

25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did ſell himſelf to work wickedneſs in the ſight of the Lord, whom Jezebel his wife ſtirred up.

26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the Lord caſt out before the children of Iſrael.

27 And it came to paſs when Ahab heard thoſe words, that he rent his clothes, and put ſackcloth upon his fleſh, and faſted, and lay in ſackcloth, and went ſoftly.

28 And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tiſhbite, ſaying,

29 Seeſt thou how Ahab humbleth himſelf before me? becauſe he humbleth himſelf before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his ſon's days will I bring the evil upon his houſe.

CHAP. XXII.

Ahab, ſeduced by falſe prophets, is ſlain at Ramoth-gilead, &c.

AND they continued three years without war between Syria and Iſrael.

2 And it came to paſs in the third year, that Jehoſhaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Iſrael.

3 And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto his ſervants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is our's, and we be ſtill, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?

4 And he ſaid unto Jehoſhaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoſhaphat ſaid to the king of Iſrael, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horſes as thy horſes.

5 And Jehoſhaphat ſaid unto the king of Iſrael, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the Lord to-day.

6 Then the king of Iſrael gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and ſaid unto them, Shall I go againſt Ramoth-gilead to battle, or ſhall I forbear? And they ſaid, Go up: for the Lord ſhall deliver it into the hand of the king.

7 And Jehoſhaphat ſaid, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord beſides, that we might enquire of him?

8 And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto Jehoſhaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the ſon of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the Lord: but I

hate him; for he doth not propheſy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoſhaphat ſaid, Let not the king ſay ſo.

9 Then the king of Iſrael called an officer, and ſaid, Haſten hither Micaiah the ſon of Imlah.

10 And the king of Iſrael, and Jehoſhaphat the king of Judah, ſat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets propheſied before them.

11 And Zedekiah, the ſon of Chenaanah, made him horns of iron: and he ſaid, Thus ſaith the Lord, With theſe ſhalt thou puſh the Syrians, until thou have conſumed them.

12 And all the prophets propheſied ſo, ſaying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and proſper: for the Lord ſhall deliver it into the king's hand.

13 And the meſſenger that was gone to call Micaiah, ſpake unto him, ſaying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and ſpeak that which is good.

14 And Micaiah ſaid, As the Lord liveth, what the Lord ſaith unto me, that will I ſpeak.

15 So he came to the king. And the king ſaid unto him, Micaiah, ſhall we go againſt Ramoth-gilead to battle, or ſhall we forbear? And he anſwered him, Go, and proſper: for the Lord ſhall deliver it into the hand of the king.

16 And the king ſaid unto him, How many times ſhall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of the Lord?

17 And he ſaid, I ſaw all Iſrael ſcattered upon the hills, as ſheep that have not a ſhepherd. And the Lord ſaid, Theſe have no maſter: let them return every man to his houſe in peace.

18 And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto Jehoſhaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would propheſy no good concerning me, but evil?

19 And he ſaid, Hear thou therefore the word of the Lord: I ſaw the Lord ſitting on his throne, and all the hoſt of heaven ſtanding by him, on his right hand, and on his left:

20 And the Lord ſaid, Who ſhall perſuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one ſaid on this manner, and another ſaid on that manner.

21 And there came forth a ſpirit, and ſtood before the Lord, and ſaid, I will perſuade him.

22 And the Lord ſaid unto him, Wherewith? And he ſaid, I will go forth, and I will be a lying ſpirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he ſaid, Thou ſhalt perſuade him, and prevail alſo: go forth, and do ſo.

23 Now therefore behold, the Lord hath put a lying ſpirit in the mouth of all theſe thy prophets, and the Lord hath ſpoken evil concerning thee.

24 But Zedekiah, the ſon of Chenaanah, went near, and ſmote Micaiah on the cheek, and ſaid, Which way went the ſpirit of the Lord from me to ſpeak unto thee?

One ſaid on this manner, &c. ver. 20.] This only ſhews the various paſſages of divine Providence, and that God has divers ways and means whereby he can accompliſh his purpoſes.

25 And Micaiah ſaid, Behold, thou ſhalt ſee in that day, when thou ſhalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyſelf.

26 And the king of Iſrael ſaid, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joaſh the king's ſon;

27 And ſay, Thus ſaith the king, Put this fellow in the priſon, and feed him with bread of affliction, and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.

28 And Micaiah ſaid, If thou return at all in peace, the Lord hath not ſpoken by me: and he ſaid, Hearken, O people, every one of you.

29 So the king of Iſrael, and Jehoſhaphat the king of Judah, went up to Ramoth-gilead.

30 And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto Jehoſhaphat, I will diſguiſe myſelf, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Iſrael diſguiſed himſelf, and went into the battle.

31 But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, ſaying, Fight neither with ſmall nor great, ſave only with the king of Iſrael.

32 And it came to paſs, when the captains of the chariots ſaw Jehoſhaphat, that they ſaid, Surely it is the king of Iſrael. And they turned aſide to fight againſt him: and Jehoſhaphat cried out.

33 And it came to paſs, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Iſrael, that they turned back from purſuing him.

34 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and ſmote the king of Iſrael between the joints of the harneſs: wherefore he ſaid unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the hoſt; for I am wounded.

35 And the battle increaſed that day: and the king was ſtayed up in his chariot againſt the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midſt of the chariot.

36 And there went a proclamation throughout the hoſt, about the going down of the ſun, ſaying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.

37 ¶ So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.

38 And one waſhed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they waſhed his armour; according unto the word of the Lord which he ſpake.

39 Now the reſt of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory houſe which he made, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

40 So Ahab ſlept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

41 ¶ And Jehoſhaphat the ſon of Aſa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Iſrael.

42 Jehoſhaphat was thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Je-

Neither with ſmall nor great, ver. 31.] Not ſo much with any others, but aim chiefly at the king.

ruſalem. And his mother's name was Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.

43 And he walked in all the ways of Aſa his father, he turned not aſide from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the Lord: nevertheleſs, the high places were not taken away; for the people offered and burned incenſe yet in the high places.

44 And Jehoſhaphat made peace with the king of Iſrael.

45 ¶ Now the reſt of the acts of Jehoſhaphat, and his might that he ſhewed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

46 And the remnant of the ſodomites which remained in the days of his father Aſa he took out of the land.

47 There was then no king in Edom: a deputy was king.

48 Jehoſhaphat made ſhips of Tharſhiſh to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ſhips were broken at Ezion-geber.

49 Then ſaid Ahaziah the ſon of Ahab unto Jehoſhaphat, Let my ſervants go with thy ſervants in the ſhips. But Jehoſhaphat would not.

50 And Jehoſhaphat ſlept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

51 ¶ Ahaziah the ſon of Ahab began to reign over Iſrael in Samaria the ſeventeenth year of Jehoſhaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Iſrael.

52 And he did evil in the ſight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who made Iſrael to ſin:

53 For he ſerved Baal, and worſhipped him, and provoked to anger the Lord God of Iſrael, according to all that his father had done.

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE *KINGS,*

COMMONLY CALLED, THE FOURTH BOOK OF THE *KINGS.*

CHAP. I.

Moab rebelleth, &c.

THEN Moab rebelled againſt Iſrael, after the death of Ahab.

2 ¶ And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber, that was in Samaria, and was ſick: and he ſent meſſengers, and ſaid unto them, Go, enquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I ſhall recover of this diſeaſe.

3 But the angel of the Lord ſaid to Elijah the Tiſhbite, Ariſe, go up to meet the meſſengers of the king of Samaria, and ſay unto them, Is it not becauſe there is not a God in Iſrael,

that ye go to enquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?

4 Now therefore thus ſaith the Lord, Thou ſhalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but ſhalt ſurely die. And Elijah departed.

5 ¶ And when the meſſengers turned back unto him, he ſaid unto them, Why are ye now turned back?

6 And they ſaid unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and ſaid unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that ſent you, and ſay unto him, Thus ſaith the Lord, Is it not becauſe there is not a God in Iſrael, that thou ſendeſt to enquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? therefore thou ſhalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but ſhalt ſurely die.

7 And he ſaid unto them, What manner of man was he which came up to meet you, and told you theſe words?

8 And they anſwered him, He was an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he ſaid, It is Elijah the Tiſhbite.

9 Then the king ſent unto him a captain of fifty, with his fifty. And he went up to him. And behold, he ſat on the top of an hill. And he ſpake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath ſaid, Come down.

10 And Elijah anſwered, and ſaid to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and conſume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and conſumed him and his fifty.

11 Again alſo he ſent unto him another captain of fifty, with his fifty. And he anſwered and ſaid unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king ſaid, Come down quickly.

12 And Elijah anſwered, and ſaid unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and conſume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and conſumed him and his fifty.

13 And he ſent again a captain of the third fifty, with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and beſought him, and ſaid unto him; O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of theſe fifty thy ſervants, be precious in thy ſight.

14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burned up the two captains of the former fifties, with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy ſight.

15 And the angel of the Lord ſaid unto Elijah, Go down with him; be not afraid of him. And he aroſe, and went down with him unto the king.

16 And he ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith the Lord, Foraſmuch as thou haſt ſent meſſengers to enquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron; is it not becauſe there is no God in Iſrael to enquire of his word? therefore thou ſhalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but ſhalt ſurely die.

17 ¶ So he died, according to the word of the Lord which Elijah had ſpoken. And Jehoram reigned in his ſtead, in the ſecond year of Jehoram

the ſon of Jehoſhaphat king of Judah; becauſe he had no ſon.

18 Now the reſt of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

CHAP. II.

Elijah divideth Jordan, &c.

AND it came to paſs, when the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Eliſha from Gilgal.

2 And Elijah ſaid unto Eliſha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath ſent me to Beth-el. And Eliſha ſaid unto him, As the Lord liveth, and as thy ſoul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth-el.

3 And the ſons of the prophets that were at Beth-el came forth to Eliſha, and ſaid unto him, Knoweſt thou that the Lord will take away thy maſter from thy head to-day? And he ſaid, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

4 And Elijah ſaid unto him, Eliſha, tarry here, I pray thee: for the Lord hath ſent me to Jericho. And he ſaid, As the Lord liveth, and as thy ſoul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

5 And the ſons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Eliſha, and ſaid unto him, Knoweſt thou that the Lord will take away thy maſter from thy head to-day? And he anſwered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

6 And Elijah ſaid unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here: for the Lord hath ſent me to Jordan. And he ſaid, As the Lord liveth, and as thy ſoul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

7 And fifty men of the ſons of the prophets went, and ſtood to view afar off: and they two ſtood by Jordan.

8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and ſmote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, ſo that they two went over on dry ground.

9 And it came to paſs when they were gone over, that Elijah ſaid unto Eliſha, Aſk what I ſhall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Eliſha ſaid, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy ſpirit be upon me.

10 And he ſaid, Thou haſt aſked a hard thing: nevertheleſs, if thou ſee me when I am taken from thee, it ſhall be ſo unto thee; but if not, it ſhall not be ſo.

11 And it came to paſs, as they ſtill went on, and talked, that behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horſes of fire, and parted them both aſunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12 ¶ And Eliſha ſaw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Iſrael, and the horſemen thereof. And he ſaw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

13 He took up alſo the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and ſtood by the bank of Jordan:

14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and ſmote the

Hold ye your peace, ver. 3.] Let not your unſeaſonable diſcourſe divert my thoughts from this weighty affair of my maſter's departure.

waters, and ſaid, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? and when he alſo had ſmitten the waters, they parted hither and thither; and Eliſha went over.

15 And when the ſons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho ſaw him, they ſaid, The ſpirit of Elijah doth reſt on Eliſha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themſelves to the ground before him.

16 And they ſaid unto him, Behold now, there be with thy ſervants fifty ſtrong men: let them go, we pray thee, and ſeek thy maſter: leſt peradventure the ſpirit of the Lord hath taken him up, and caſt him upon ſome mountain, or into ſome valley. And he ſaid, Ye ſhall not ſend.

17 And when they urged him till he was aſhamed, he ſaid, Send. They ſent therefore fifty men; and they ſought three days, but found him not.

18 And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he ſaid unto them, Did I not ſay unto you, Go not?

19 ¶ And the men of the city ſaid unto Eliſha, Behold, I pray thee, the ſituation of this city is pleaſant, as my lord ſeeth: but the water is naught, and the ground barren.

20 And he ſaid, Bring me a new cruiſe, and put ſalt therein. And they brought it to him.

21 And he went forth unto the ſpring of the waters, and caſt the ſalt in there, and ſaid, Thus ſaith the Lord, I have healed theſe waters; there ſhall not be from thence any more death, or barren land.

22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the ſaying of Eliſha which he ſpake.

23 ¶ And he went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and ſaid unto him, Go up, thou bald-head, go up, thou bald-head.

24 And he turned back, and looked on them, and curſed them in the name of the Lord. And there came forth two ſhe-bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

25 And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

CHAP. III.

Jehoram's reign: Meſha rebelleth, &c.

NOW Jehoram the ſon of Ahab began to reign over Iſrael in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoſhaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

2 And he wrought evil in the ſight of the Lord; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made.

3 Nevertheleſs, he cleaved unto the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, which made Iſrael to ſin; he departed not therefrom.

4 ¶ And Meſha king of Moab was a ſheep-maſter, and rendered unto the king of Iſrael an hundred thouſand lambs, and an hundred thouſand rams with the wool.

Put ſalt therein, ver. 20.] Which rather cauſes barrenneſs: an unlikely means, [So when Chriſt anointed a man's eyes with clay] to ſhew that it was wrought only by God's power.

5 But it came to paſs when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled againſt the king of Iſrael.

6 And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the ſame time, and numbered all Iſrael.

7 And he went and ſent to Jehoſhaphat the king of Judah, ſaying, The king of Moab hath rebelled againſt me: wilt thou go with me againſt Moab to battle? And he ſaid, I will go up: I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and my horſes as thy horſes.

8 And he ſaid, Which way ſhall we go up? And he anſwered, The way through the wilderneſs of Edom.

9 So the king of Iſrael went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetched a compaſs of ſeven days journey: and there was no water for the hoſt, and for the cattle that followed them.

10 And the king of Iſrael ſaid, Alas! that the Lord hath called theſe three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab!

11 But Jehoſhaphat ſaid, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord, that we may enquire of the Lord by him? And one of the king of Iſrael's ſervants anſwered and ſaid, Here is Eliſha the ſon of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.

12 And Jehoſhaphat ſaid, The word of the Lord is with him. So the king of Iſrael, and Jehoſhaphat, and the king of Edom, went down to him.

13 And Eliſha ſaid unto the king of Iſrael, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto him, Nay: for the Lord hath called theſe three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

14 And Eliſha ſaid, As the Lord of hoſts liveth, before whom I ſtand, ſurely were it not that I regard the preſence of Jehoſhaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor ſee thee.

15 But now bring me a minſtrel. And it came to paſs when the minſtrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him.

16 ¶ And he ſaid, Thus ſaith the Lord, Make this valley full of ditches.

17 For thus ſaith the Lord, Ye ſhall not ſee wind, neither ſhall ye ſee rain: yet that valley ſhall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye and your cattle, and your beaſts.

18 And this is but a light thing in the ſight of the Lord: he will deliver the Moabites alſo into your hand.

19 And ye ſhall ſmite every fenced city, and every choice city, and ſhall fell every good tree, and ſtop all wells of water, and marr every good piece of land with ſtones.

20 And it came to paſs in the morning, when the meat-offering was offered, that behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

21 ¶ And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight againſt them, they gathered all that were able to put on armour, and upward, and ſtood in the border.

Said unto him, Nay, ver. 13.] Upbraid me not with this fault at this time, but help us in our diſtreſs.

22 And they roſe up early in the morning, and the ſun ſhone upon the water, and the Moabites ſaw the water on the other ſide as red as blood:

23 And they ſaid, This is blood: the kings are ſurely ſlain, and they have ſmitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the ſpoil.

24 And when they came to the camp of Iſrael, the Iſraelites roſe up and ſmote the Moabites, ſo that they fled before them: but they went forward ſmiting the Moabites, even in their country.

25 And they beat down the cities; and on every good piece of land caſt every man his ſtone, and filled it: and they ſtopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: only in Kir-haraſeth left they the ſtones thereof: howbeit the ſlingers went about it, and ſmote it.

26 And when the king of Moab ſaw that the battle was too ſore for him, he took with him ſeven hundred men that drew ſwords, to break through even unto the king of Edom: but they could not.

27 Then he took his eldeſt ſon that ſhould have reigned in his ſtead, and offered him for a burnt-offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation againſt Iſrael: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

CHAP. IV.

Eliſha multiplieth the widow's oil.

NOW there cried a certain woman of the wives of the ſons of the prophets unto Eliſha, ſaying, Thy ſervant my huſband is dead; and thou knoweſt that thy ſervant did fear the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two ſons to be bond-men.

2 And Eliſha ſaid unto her, What ſhall I do for thee? tell me, what haſt thou in the houſe? And ſhe ſaid, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the houſe, ſave a pot of oil.

3 Then he ſaid, Go, borrow thee veſſels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty veſſels; borrow not a few.

4 And when thou art come in, thou ſhalt ſhut the door upon thee, and upon thy ſons, and ſhalt pour out into all thoſe veſſels, and thou ſhalt ſet aſide that which is full.

5 So ſhe went from him, and ſhut the door upon her, and upon her ſons; who brought the veſſels to her, and ſhe poured out.

6 And it came to paſs when the veſſels were full, that ſhe ſaid unto her ſon, Bring me yet a veſſel. And he ſaid unto her, There is not a veſſel more. And the oil ſtayed.

7 Then ſhe came and told the man of God. And he ſaid, Go, ſell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the reſt.

8 ¶ And it fell on a day, that Eliſha paſſed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and ſhe conſtrained him to eat bread. And ſo it was, that as oft as he paſſed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

9 And ſhe ſaid unto her huſband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an

Departed from him, ver. 27.] The Iſraelites were greatly affected and grieved for this barbarous action, and reſolved to raiſe the ſiege, and return home.

holy man of God which paſſeth by us continually.

10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us ſet for him there a bed and a table, and a ſtool, and a candleſtick: and it ſhall be, when he cometh to us, that he ſhall turn in thither.

11 And it fell on a day that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

12 And he ſaid to Gehazi his ſervant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, ſhe ſtood before him.

13 And he ſaid unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou haſt been careful for us with all this care: what is to be done for thee? wouldeſt thou be ſpoken for to the king, or to the captain of the hoſt? And ſhe anſwered, I dwell among mine own people.

14 And he ſaid, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi anſwered, Verily, ſhe hath no child, and her huſband is old.

15 And he ſaid, call her. And when he had called her, ſhe ſtood in the door.

16 And he ſaid, About this ſeaſon, according to the time of life, thou ſhalt embrace a ſon. And ſhe ſaid, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.

17 And the woman conceived, and bare a ſon at that ſeaſon that Eliſha had ſaid unto her, according to the time of life.

18 ¶ And when the child was grown, it fell on a day that he went out to his father to the reapers.

19 And he ſaid unto his father, My head, my head! And he ſaid to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he ſat on her knees till noon, and then died.

21 And ſhe went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and ſhut the door upon him, and went out.

22 And ſhe called unto her huſband, and ſaid, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the aſſes, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

23 And he ſaid, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to-day? it is neither new-moon, nor ſabbath. And ſhe ſaid, It ſhall be well.

24 Then ſhe ſaddled an aſs, and ſaid to her ſervant, Drive, and go forward; ſlack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee.

25 So ſhe went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to paſs when the man of God ſaw her afar off, that he ſaid to Gehazi his ſervant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite:

26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and ſay unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy huſband? is it well with the child? And ſhe anſwered, It is well.

27 And when ſhe came to the man of God to the hill, ſhe caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thruſt her away. And the man of God ſaid, Let her alone; for her ſoul is vexed within her: and the Lord hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.

Laid him on the bed of the man of God, ver. 21.] Upon a ſecret perſuaſion wrought in her by God's Spirit, that the prophet would raiſe him to life again.

28 Then ſhe ſaid, Did I deſire a ſon of my lord? did I not ſay, Do not deceive me?

29 Then he ſaid to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my ſtaff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man ſalute him not: and if any ſalute thee, anſwer him not again: and lay my ſtaff upon the face of the child.

30 And the mother of the child ſaid, As the Lord liveth, and as thy ſoul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he aroſe, and followed her.

31 And Gehazi paſſed on before them, and laid the ſtaff upon the face of the child: but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, ſaying, The child is not awaked.

32 And when Eliſha was come into the houſe, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.

33 He went in therefore, and ſhut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the Lord.

34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands, and he ſtretched himſelf upon the child; and the fleſh of the child waxed warm.

35 Then he returned, and walked in the houſe to and fro; and went up and ſtretched himſelf upon him: and the child ſneezed ſeven times, and the child opened his eyes.

36 And he called Gehazi, and ſaid, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when ſhe was come in unto him, he ſaid, Take up thy ſon.

37 Then ſhe went in and fell at his feet, and bowed herſelf to the ground, and took up her ſon, and went out.

38 And Eliſha came again to Gilgal. And there was a dearth in the land; and the ſons of the prophets were ſitting before him: and he ſaid unto his ſervant, Set on the great pot, and ſeethe pottage for the ſons of the prophets.

39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and ſhred them into the pot of pottage, for they knew them not.

40 So they poured out for the men to eat; and it came to paſs, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and ſaid, O thou man of God, there is death in the pot: and they could not eat thereof.

41 But he ſaid, Then bring meal. And he caſt it into the pot; and he ſaid, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

42 And there came a man from Baal-ſhaliſha, and brought the man of God bread of the firſt-fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the huſk thereof. And he ſaid, Give unto the people, that they may eat.

43 And his ſervitor ſaid, What, ſhould I ſet this before an hundred men? He ſaid again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus ſaith the Lord, They ſhall eat, and ſhall leave thereof.

44 So he ſet it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the Lord.

Shut the door upon them, ver. 33.] That he might pray without diſturbance, and more freely uſe thoſe means and geſtures he thought fit.

CHAP. V.

Naaman is cured of his leproſy.

NOW Naaman, captain of the hoſt of the king of Syria, was a great man with his maſter, and honourable, becauſe by him the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria: he was alſo a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.

2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Iſrael a little maid; and ſhe waited on Naaman's wife.

3 And ſhe ſaid unto her miſtreſs, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leproſy.

4 And one went in, and told his lord, ſaying, Thus and thus ſaid the maid that is of the land of Iſrael.

5 And the king of Syria ſaid, Go to, go, and I will ſend a letter to the king of Iſrael. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of ſilver, and ſix thouſand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

6 And he brought the letter to the king of Iſrael, ſaying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith ſent Naaman my ſervant to thee, that thou mayeſt recover him of his leproſy.

7 And it came to paſs when the king of Iſrael had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and ſaid, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth ſend unto me to recover a man of his leproſy? wherefore conſider, I pray you, and ſee how he ſeeketh a quarrel againſt me.

8 And it was ſo, when Eliſha the man of God had heard that the king of Iſrael had rent his clothes, that he ſent to the king, ſaying, Wherefore haſt thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he ſhall know that there is a prophet in Iſrael.

9 So Naaman came with his horſe, and with his chariot, and ſtood at the door of the houſe of Eliſha.

10 And Eliſha ſent a meſſenger unto him, ſaying, Go, and waſh in Jordan ſeven times, and thy fleſh ſhall come again to thee, and thou ſhalt be clean.

11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and ſaid, Behold, I thought, He will ſurely come out to me, and ſtand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and ſtrike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damaſcus, better than all the waters of Iſrael? may I not waſh in them, and be clean? So he turned, and went away in a rage.

13 And his ſervants came near, and ſpake unto him, and ſaid, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do ſome great thing, wouldeſt thou not have done it? how much rather then when he ſaith to thee, Waſh, and be clean?

14 Then went he down, and dipped himſelf ſeven times in Jordan, according to the ſaying of the man of God: and his fleſh came again like unto the fleſh of a little child, and he was clean.

Rent his clothes, ver. 7.] In token of his indignation at ſuch a motion, and for fear that this was only a pretence to ſeek a quarrel with him.

15 ¶ And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and ſtood before him: and he ſaid, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Iſrael: now therefore, I pray thee, take a bleſſing of thy ſervant.

16 But he ſaid, As the Lord liveth, before whom I ſtand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refuſed.

17 And Naaman ſaid, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy ſervant two mules' burden of earth? for thy ſervant will henceforth offer neither burnt-offering nor ſacrifice unto other gods, but unto the Lord.

18 In this thing the Lord pardon thy ſervant, that when my maſter goeth into the houſe of Rimmon to worſhip there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myſelf in the houſe of Rimmon, the Lord pardon thy ſervant in this thing.

19 And he ſaid unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

20 ¶ But Gehazi, the ſervant of Eliſha the man of God, ſaid, Behold, my maſter hath ſpared Naaman, this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but as the Lord liveth, I will run after him, and take ſomewhat of him.

21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman ſaw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and ſaid, Is all well?

22 And he ſaid, All is well. My maſter hath ſent me, ſaying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the ſons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of ſilver, and two changes of garments.

23 And Naaman ſaid, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of ſilver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his ſervants; and they bare them before him.

24 And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and beſtowed them in the houſe; and he let the men go, and they departed.

25 But he went in and ſtood before his maſter. And Eliſha ſaid unto him, Whence comeſt thou, Gehazi? And he ſaid, Thy ſervant went no whither.

26 And he ſaid unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and ſheep, and oxen, and men-ſervants, and maid-ſervants?

27 The leproſy therefore of Naaman ſhall cleave unto thee, and unto thy ſeed for ever. And he went out from his preſence a leper as white as ſnow.

CHAP. VI.

Eliſha cauſeth iron to ſwim, &c.

AND the ſons of the prophets ſaid unto Eliſha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too ſtrait for us.

Burden of earth? ver. 17.] To make an altar with, as a pledge of his communion with that people and worſhip. There might be ſomething of ſuperſtition in this, but his zeal and his ends were commendable.

2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there where we may dwell. And he anſwered, Go ye.

3 And one ſaid, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy ſervants. And he anſwered, I will go.

4 So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood.

5 But as one was felling a beam, the ax head fell into the water: and he cried, and ſaid, Alas, maſter! for it was borrowed.

6 And the man of God ſaid, Where fell it? And he ſhewed him the place. And he cut down a ſtick, and caſt it in thither; and the iron did ſwim.

7 Therefore, ſaid he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand and took it.

8 ¶ Then the king of Syria warred againſt Iſrael, and took counſel with his ſervants, ſaying, In ſuch and ſuch a place ſhall be my camp.

9 And the man of God ſent unto the king of Iſrael, ſaying, Beware that thou paſs not ſuch a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

10 And the king of Iſrael ſent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and ſaved himſelf there, not once nor twice.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was ſore troubled for this thing; and he called his ſervants, and ſaid unto them, Will ye not ſhew me which of us is for the king of Iſrael?

12 And one of his ſervants ſaid, None, my lord, O king: but Eliſha the prophet, that is in Iſrael, telleth the king of Iſrael the words that thou ſpeakeſt in thy bed-chamber.

13 ¶ And he ſaid, Go, and ſpy where he is, that I may ſend and fetch him. And it was told him, ſaying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

14 Therefore ſent he thither horſes and chariots, and a great hoſt: and they came by night, and compaſſed the city about.

15 And when the ſervant of the man of God was riſen early, and gone forth, behold, an hoſt compaſſed the city, both with horſes and chariots. And his ſervant ſaid unto him, Alas, my maſter! how ſhall we do?

16 And he anſwered, Fear not: for they that be with us, are more than they that be with them.

17 And Eliſha prayed, and ſaid, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may ſee. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he ſaw: and behold, the mountain was full of horſes and chariots of fire round about Eliſha.

18 And when they came down to him, Eliſha prayed unto the Lord, and ſaid, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindneſs. And he ſmote them with blindneſs, according to the word of Eliſha.

19 And Eliſha ſaid unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye ſeek. But he led them to Samaria.

20 And it came to paſs when they were come into Samaria, that Eliſha ſaid, Lord, open the eyes of theſe men, that they may ſee. And the Lord opened their eyes, and they ſaw; and behold, they were in the midſt of Samaria.

21 And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto Eliſha, when he ſaw them, My father, ſhall I ſmite them? ſhall I ſmite them?

22 And he anſwered, Thou ſhalt not ſmite them: wouldeſt thou ſmite thoſe whom thou haſt taken captive with thy ſword and with thy bow? ſet bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their maſter.

23 And he prepared great proviſion for them: and when they had eaten and drank, he ſent them away, and they went to their maſter. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Iſrael.

24 And it came to paſs after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his hoſt, and went up and beſieged Samaria.

25 And there was a great famine in Samaria: and behold, they beſieged it until an aſs's head was ſold for fourſcore pieces of ſilver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five pieces of ſilver.

26 And as the king of Iſrael was paſſing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, ſaying, Help, my lord, O king.

27 And he ſaid, If the Lord do not help thee, whence ſhall I help thee? out of the barn-floor, or out of the wine-preſs?

28 And the king ſaid unto her, What aileth thee? And ſhe anſwered, This woman ſaid unto me, Give thy ſon, that we may eat him to-day, and we will eat my ſon to-morrow.

29 So we boiled my ſon, and did eat him: and I ſaid unto her on the next day, Give thy ſon, that we may eat him; and ſhe hath hid her ſon.

30 And it came to paſs when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he paſſed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and behold, he had ſackcloth within upon his fleſh.

31 Then he ſaid, God do ſo and more alſo to me, if the head of Eliſha the ſon of Shaphat ſhall ſtand on him this day.

32 But Eliſha ſat in his houſe; and the elders ſat with him: and the king ſent a man from before him: but ere the meſſenger came to him, he ſaid to the elders, See ye how this ſon of a murderer hath ſent to take away mine head? look when the meſſenger cometh, ſhut the door, and hold him faſt at the door: is not the ſound of his maſter's feet behind him?

33 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the meſſenger came down unto him: and he ſaid, Behold, this evil is of the Lord; what ſhould I wait for the Lord any longer?

CHAP. VII.

Eliſha propheſieth incredible plenty, &c.

THEN Eliſha ſaid, Hear ye the word of the Lord; thus ſaith the Lord,

Go to their maſter, ver. 22.] To declare what forbearance and courteſy they found, notwithſtanding their evil intent.

To-morrow about this time ſhall a meaſure of fine flour be ſold for a ſhekel, and two meaſures of barley for a ſhekel, in the gate of Samaria.

2 Then a lord, on whoſe hand the king leaned, anſwered the man of God, and ſaid, Behold, if the Lord would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he ſaid, Behold, thou ſhalt ſee it with thine eyes, but ſhalt not eat thereof.

3 And there were four leprous men at the entering-in of the gate: and they ſaid one to another, Why ſit we here until we die?

4 If we ſay, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we ſhall die there: and if we ſit ſtill here, we die alſo. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the hoſt of the Syrians: if they ſave us alive, we ſhall live; and if they kill us, we ſhall but die.

5 And they roſe up in the twilight to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermoſt part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there.

6 For the Lord had made the hoſt of the Syrians to hear a noiſe of chariots, and a noiſe of horſes, even the noiſe of a great hoſt: and they ſaid one to another, Lo, the king of Iſrael hath hired againſt us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

7 Wherefore they aroſe and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horſes, and their aſſes, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.

8 And when theſe lepers came to the uttermoſt part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence ſilver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it: and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence alſo, and went and hid it.

9 Then they ſaid one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, ſome miſchief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's houſhold.

10 So they came, and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them, ſaying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but horſes tied, and aſſes tied, and the tents as they were.

11 And he called the porters; and they told it to the king's houſe within.

12 And the king aroſe in the night, and ſaid unto his ſervants, I will now ſhew you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we be hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp, to hide themſelves in the field, ſaying, When they come out of the city, we ſhall catch them alive, and get into the city.

13 And one of his ſervants anſwered and ſaid, Let ſome take, I pray thee, five of the horſes that remain, which are left in the city, (behold, they are as all the multitude of Iſrael that are left in it: behold, I ſay, they are even as all the multitude of the Iſraelites

They are as all the multitude, ver. 13.] They are all the horſes that are left, and they are almoſt ſtarved, as all the people are.

that are conſumed,) and let us ſend and ſee.

14 They took therefore two chariot-horſes, and the king ſent after the hoſt of the Syrians, ſaying, Go, and ſee.

15 And they went after them unto Jordan: and lo, all the way was full of garments and veſſels, which the Syrians had caſt away in their haſte. And the meſſengers returned and told the king.

16 And the people went out, and ſpoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a meaſure of fine flour was ſold for a ſhekel, and two meaſures of barley for a ſhekel, according to the word of the Lord.

17 ¶ And the king appointed the lord, on whoſe hand he leaned, to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had ſaid, who ſpake when the king came down to him.

18 And it came to paſs as the man of God had ſpoken to the king, ſaying, Two meaſures of barley for a ſhekel, and a meaſure of fine flour for a ſhekel, ſhall be to-morrow about this time in the gate of Samaria:

19 And that lord anſwered the man of God, and ſaid, Now behold, if the Lord ſhould make windows in heaven, might ſuch a thing be? And he ſaid, Behold, thou ſhalt ſee it with thine eyes, but ſhalt not eat thereof.

20 And ſo it fell out unto him: for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

CHAP. VIII.

The Shunammite hath her land reſtored.

THEN ſpake Eliſha unto the woman whoſe ſon he had reſtored to life, ſaying, Ariſe, and go, thou and thine houſhold, and ſojourn whereſoever thou canſt ſojourn: for the Lord hath called for a famine: and it ſhall alſo come upon the land ſeven years.

2 And the woman aroſe, and did after the ſaying of the man of God: and ſhe went with her houſhold, and ſojourned in the land of the Philiſtines ſeven years.

3 And it came to paſs at the ſeven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philiſtines: and ſhe went forth to cry unto the king for her houſe, and for her land.

4 And the king talked with Gehazi, the ſervant of the man of God, ſaying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Eliſha hath done.

5 And it came to paſs as he was telling the king how he had reſtored a dead body to life, that behold, the woman, whoſe ſon he had reſtored to life, cried to the king for her houſe, and for her land. And Gehazi ſaid, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her ſon whom Eliſha reſtored to life.

6 And when the king aſked the woman, ſhe told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, ſaying, Reſtore all that was her's, and all the fruits of the field, ſince the day that ſhe left the land, even until now.

7 ¶ And Eliſha came to Damaſcus: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria was ſick, and it was told him, ſaying, The man of God is come hither.

8 And the king ſaid unto Hazael, Take a preſent in thine hand, and go meet the man of God, and enquire of the Lord by him, ſaying, Shall I recover of this diſeaſe?

9 So Hazael went to meet him, and took a preſent with him, even of every good thing of Damaſcus, forty camels burden, and came and ſtood before him, and ſaid, Thy ſon Ben-hadad, king of Syria, hath ſent me to thee, ſaying, Shall I recover of this diſeaſe?

10 And Eliſha ſaid unto him, Go, ſay unto him, Thou mayeſt certainly recover: howbeit, the Lord hath ſhewed me that he ſhall ſurely die.

11 And he ſettled his countenance ſtedfaſtly until he was aſhamed: and the man of God wept.

12 And Hazael ſaid, Why weepeth my lord? and he anſwered, Becauſe I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Iſrael: their ſtrong holds wilt thou ſet on fire, and their young men wilt thou ſlay with the ſword, and wilt daſh their children, and rip up their women with child.

13 And Hazael ſaid, But what, is thy ſervant a dog, that he ſhould do this great thing? And Eliſha anſwered, The Lord hath ſhewed me that thou ſhalt be king over Syria.

14 So he departed from Eliſha, and came to his maſter; who ſaid to him, What ſaid Eliſha to thee? And he anſwered, He told me that thou ſhouldeſt ſurely recover.

15 And it came to paſs on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped it in water, and ſpread it on his face, ſo that he died. And Hazael reigned in his ſtead.

16 ¶ And in the fifth year of Joram the ſon of Ahab king of Iſrael, Jehoſhaphat being then king of Judah, Jehoram the ſon of Jehoſhaphat king of Judah began to reign.

17 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jeruſalem.

18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Iſrael, as did the houſe of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the ſight of the Lord.

19 Yet the Lord would not deſtroy Judah, for David his ſervant's ſake, as he promiſed him to give him alway a light, and to his children.

20 In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themſelves.

21 So Joram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him: and he roſe by night and ſmote the Edomites which compaſſed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents.

22 Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the ſame time.

23 And the reſt of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

24 ¶ And Joram ſlept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Ahaziah his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

25 In the twelfth year of Joram the ſon of Ahab king of Iſrael did Ahaziah the ſon of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign.

26 Two and twenty years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jeruſalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Iſrael.

27 And he walked in the way of the houſe of Ahab, and did evil in the ſight of the Lord, as did the houſe of Ahab: for he was the ſon-in-law of the houſe of Ahab.

28 And he went with Joram the ſon of Ahab to the war againſt Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.

29 And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought againſt Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the ſon of Jehoram king of Judah went down to ſee Joram the ſon of Ahab in Jezreel, becauſe he was ſick.

CHAP. IX.

Jehu is anointed: he killeth Joram.

AND Eliſha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and ſaid unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead:

2 And when thou comeſt thither, look out there Jehu the ſon of Jehoſhaphat, the ſon of Nimſhi, and go in, and make him ariſe up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber;

3 Then take the box of oil, and pour it on his head, and ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord, I have anointed thee king over Iſrael. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not.

4 So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.

5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the hoſt were ſitting; and he ſaid, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu ſaid, Unto which of all us? And he ſaid, To thee, O captain.

6 And he aroſe, and went into the houſe; and he poured the oil on his head, and ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſrael, I have anointed thee king over the people of the Lord, even over Iſrael.

7 And thou ſhalt ſmite the houſe of Ahab thy maſter, that I may avenge the blood of my ſervants the prophets, and the blood of all the ſervants of the Lord, at the hand of Jezebel.

8 For the whole houſe of Ahab ſhall periſh: and I will cut off from Ahab him that piſſeth againſt the wall, and him that is ſhut up and left in Iſrael.

9 And I will make the houſe of Ahab like the houſe of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, and like the houſe of Baaſha the ſon of Ahijah.

Pour it on his head, ver. 3.] By this viſible ſign Jehu might be more confirmed in the truth of that meſſage which was brought to him.

10 And the dogs ſhall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there ſhall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled.

11 ¶ Then Jehu came forth to the ſervants of his lord: and one ſaid unto him, Is all well? wherefore came this mad fellow to thee? And he ſaid unto them, Ye know the man and his communication.

12 And they ſaid, It is falſe: tell us now. And he ſaid, Thus and thus ſpake he to me, ſaying, Thus ſaith the Lord, I have anointed thee king over Iſrael.

13 Then they haſted, and took every man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the ſtairs, and blew with trumpets, ſaying, Jehu is king.

14 So Jehu, the ſon of Jehoſhaphat, the ſon of Nimſhi, conſpired againſt Joram. (Now Joram had kept Ramoth-gilead, he and all Iſrael, becauſe of Hazael king of Syria:

15 But king Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu ſaid, If it be your minds, then let none go forth nor eſcape out of the city, to go to tell it in Jezreel.

16 So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to ſee Joram.

17 And there ſtood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he ſpied the company of Jehu as he came, and ſaid, I ſee a company. And Joram ſaid, Take an horſeman, and ſend to meet them, and let him ſay, Is it peace?

18 So there went one on horſeback to meet him, and ſaid, Thus ſaith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu ſaid, What haſt thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, ſaying The meſſenger came to them, but he cometh not again.

19 Then he ſent out a ſecond on horſeback, which came to them, and ſaid, Thus ſaith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu anſwered, What haſt thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me.

20 And the watchman told, ſaying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again; and the driving is like the driving of Jehu, the ſon of Nimſhi; for he driveth furiouſly.

21 And Joram ſaid, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Iſrael, and Ahaziah king of Judah, went out, each in his chariot, and they went out againſt Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.

22 And it came to paſs when Joram ſaw Jehu, that he ſaid, Is it peace, Jehu? And he anſwered, What peace, ſo long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are ſo many?

23 And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and ſaid to Ahaziah, There is treachery, O Ahaziah.

24 And Jehu drew a bow with his full ſtrength, and ſmote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he ſunk down in his chariot.

Ye know the man, &c. ver. 11.] You cannot but know that he is a prophet of the Lord, and conſequently that his meſſage is from the Lord.

25 Then ſaid Jehu to Bidkar his captain, Take up, and caſt him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite. For remember how that when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father the Lord laid this burden upon him;

26 Surely I have ſeen yeſterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his ſons, ſaith the Lord; and I will requite thee in this plat, ſaith the Lord. Now therefore take and caſt him into the plat of ground, according to the word of the Lord.

27 But when Ahaziah the king of Judah ſaw this, he fled by the way of the garden-houſe. And Jehu followed after him, and ſaid, Smite him alſo in the chariot. And they did ſo at the going up to Gur, which is by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there.

28 And his ſervants carried him in a chariot to Jeruſalem, and buried him in his ſepulchre with his fathers in the city of David.

29 And in the eleventh year of Joram, the ſon of Ahab, began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.

30 ¶ And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it, and ſhe painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, ſhe ſaid, Had Zimri peace, who ſlew his maſter?

32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and ſaid, Who is on my ſide? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs.

33 And he ſaid, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and ſome of her blood was ſprinkled on the wall, and on the horſes: and he trode her under foot.

34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and ſaid, Go, ſee now this curſed woman, and bury her: for ſhe is a king's daughter.

35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the ſkull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands.

36 Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he ſaid, This is the word of the Lord which he ſpake by his ſervant Elijah the Tiſhbite, ſaying, In the portion of Jezreel ſhall dogs eat the fleſh of Jezebel:

37 And the carcaſs of Jezebel ſhall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; ſo that they ſhall not ſay, This is Jezebel.

CHAP. X.

Jehu cauſeth ſeventy of Ahab's children to be beheaded.

AND Ahab had ſeventy ſons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and ſent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's children, ſaying,

2 Now as ſoon as this letter cometh to you, ſeeing your maſter's ſons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horſes, a fenced city alſo, and armour;

Painted her face, and tired her head, ver. 30.] As reſolving to die with honor and gallantry.

3 Look even out the beſt and meeteſt of your maſter's ſons, and ſet him on his father's throne, and fight for your maſter's houſe.

4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and ſaid, Behold, two king's ſtood not before him: how then ſhall we ſtand?

5 And he that was over the houſe, and he that was over the city, the elders alſo, and the bringers up of the children, ſent to Jehu, ſaying, We are thy ſervants, and will do all that thou ſhalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou that which is good in thine eyes.

6 Then he wrote a letter the ſecond time to them, ſaying, If ye be mine, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your maſter's ſons, and come to me to Jezreel by tomorrow this time. Now the king's ſons, being ſeventy perſons, were with the great men of the city, which brought them up.

7 And it came to paſs when the letter came to them, that they took the king's ſons, and ſlew ſeventy perſons, and put their heads in baſkets, and ſent him them to Jezreel.

8 And there came a meſſenger, and told him ſaying, They have brought the heads of the king's ſons. And he ſaid, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering-in of the gate until the morning.

9 And it came to paſs in the morning that he went out, and ſtood, and ſaid to all the people, Ye be righteous: behold, I conſpired againſt my maſter, and ſlew him: but who ſlew all theſe?

10 Know now, that there ſhall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the Lord which the Lord ſpake concerning the houſe of Ahab: for the Lord hath done that which he ſpake by his ſervant Elijah.

11 So Jehu ſlew all that remained of the houſe of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his kinsfolks, and his prieſts, until he left him none remaining.

12 And he aroſe, and departed, and came to Samaria. And as he was at the ſhearing-houſe in the way,

13 Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and ſaid, Who are ye? And they anſwered, We are the brethren of Ahaziah; and we go down to ſalute the children of the king and the children of the queen.

14 And he ſaid, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and ſlew them at the pit of the ſhearing-houſe, even two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

15 And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab, the ſon of Rechab, coming to meet him: and he ſaluted him, and ſaid to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab anſwered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot.

16 And he ſaid, Come with me, and ſee my zeal for the Lord. So they made him ride in his chariot.

17 And when he came to Samaria, he ſlew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had deſtroyed him, ac-

Is thine heart right, as my heart, &c. ver. 15.] Haſt thou a ſincere kindneſs for me, as I have for thee, and doſt accordingly approve of my preſent proceedings?

cording to the ſaying of the Lord which he ſpake to Elijah.

18 And Jehu gathered all the people together, and ſaid unto them, Ahab ſerved Baal a little: but Jehu ſhall ſerve him much.

19 Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his ſervants, and all his prieſts; let none be wanting: for I have a great ſacrifice to do to Baal: whoſoever ſhall be wanting, he ſhall not live. But Jehu did it in ſubtilty, to the intent that he might deſtroy the worſhippers of Baal.

20 And Jehu ſaid, Proclaim a ſolemn aſſembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it.

21 And Jehu ſent through all Iſrael: and all the worſhippers of Baal came, ſo that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the houſe of Baal; and the houſe of Baal was full from one end to another.

22 And he ſaid unto him that was over the veſtry, Bring forth veſtments for all the worſhippers of Baal. And he brought them forth veſtments.

23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the ſon of Rechab, into the houſe of Baal, and ſaid unto the worſhippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the ſervants of the Lord, but the worſhippers of Baal only.

24 And when they went in to offer ſacrifices, and burnt-offerings, Jehu appointed fourſcore men without, and ſaid, If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands eſcape, he that letteth him go, his life ſhall be for the life of him.

25 And it came to paſs as ſoon as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, that Jehu ſaid to the guard, and to the captains, Go in, and ſlay them; let none come forth. And they ſmote them with the edge of the ſword; and the guard and the captains caſt them out, and went to the city of the houſe of Baal.

26 And they brought forth the images, out of the houſe of Baal, and burned them.

27 And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the houſe of Baal, and made it a draught-houſe unto this day.

28 Thus Jehu deſtroyed Baal out of Iſrael.

29 ¶ Howbeit, from the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who made Iſrael to ſin, Jehu departed not from after them, to wit, the golden calves that were in Beth-el, and that were in Dan.

30 And the Lord ſaid unto Jehu, Becauſe thou haſt done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and haſt done unto the houſe of Ahab according to all that was in mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation ſhall ſit on the throne of Iſrael.

31 But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the Lord God of Iſrael with all his heart: for he departed not from the ſins of Jeroboam, which made Iſrael to ſin.

32 In thoſe days the Lord began to cut Iſrael ſhort: and Hazael ſmote them in all the coaſts of Iſrael;

Done well, ver. 30.] He did the thing commanded, but not with a ſincere heart, and therefore is accounted by God no better than murder, and his poſterity are puniſhed for it.

33 From Jordan eaſt-ward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manaſſites, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, even Gilead, and Baſhan.

34 Now the reſt of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

35 And Jehu ſlept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

36 And the time that Jehu reigned over Iſrael in Samaria was twenty and eight years.

CHAP. XI.

Jehoaſh, being ſaved from Athaliah's maſſacre, is anointed king by Jehoiada.

AND when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah ſaw that her ſon was dead, ſhe aroſe, and deſtroyed all the ſeed royal.

2 But Jehoſheba the daughter of king Joram, ſiſter of Ahaziah, took Joaſh the ſon of Ahaziah, and ſtole him from among the king's ſons which were ſlain; and they hid him, even him and his nurſe, in the bed-chamber, from Athaliah, ſo that he was not ſlain.

3 And he was with her hid in the houſe of the Lord ſix years. And Athaliah did reign over the land.

4 ¶ And the ſeventh year Jehoiada ſent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the captains, and the guard, and brought them to him into the houſe of the Lord, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the houſe of the Lord, and ſhewed them the king's ſon.

5 And he commanded them, ſaying, This is the thing that ye ſhall do; a third part of you that enter in on the ſabbath ſhall even be keepers of the watch of the king's houſe;

6 And a third part ſhall be at the gate of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard: ſo ſhall ye keep the watch of the houſe, that it be not broken down.

7 And two parts of all you that go forth on the ſabbath, even they ſhall keep the watch of the houſe of the Lord about the king.

8 And ye ſhall compaſs the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand: and he that cometh within the ranges, let him be ſlain. And be ye with the king as he goeth out, and as he cometh in.

9 And the captains over the hundreds did according to all things that Jehoiada the prieſt commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the ſabbath, with them that ſhould go out on the ſabbath, and came to Jehoiada the prieſt.

10 And to the captains over hundreds did the prieſt give king David's ſpears and ſhields, that were in the temple of the Lord.

11 And the guard ſtood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, along by the altar and the temple.

12 And he brought forth the king's ſon, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the teſtimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and ſaid, God ſave the king.

13 And when Athaliah heard the noiſe of the guard, and of the people, ſhe came to the people into the temple of the Lord.

14 And when ſhe looked, behold, the king ſtood by a pillar, as the manner was, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets. And Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treaſon, treaſon.

15 But Jehoiada the prieſt commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the hoſt, and ſaid unto them, Have her forth without the ranges; and him that followeth her kill with the ſword. For the prieſt had ſaid, Let her not be ſlain in the houſe of the Lord.

16 And they laid hands on her, and ſhe went by the way by the which the horſes came into the king's houſe; and there was ſhe ſlain.

17 And Jehoiada made a covenant between the Lord, and the king, and the people, that they ſhould be the Lord's people; between the king alſo and the people.

18 And all the people of the land went into the houſe of Baal, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and ſlew Mattan, the prieſt of Baal, before the altars. And the prieſt appointed officers over the houſe of the Lord.

19 And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the houſe of the Lord, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's houſe. And he ſat on the throne of the kings.

20 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet: and they ſlew Athaliah with the ſword beſide the king's houſe.

21 Seven years old was Jehoaſh when he began to reign.

CHAP. XII.

Jehoaſh reigneth well all the days of Jehoiada: he is ſlain by his ſervants.

IN the ſeventh year of Jehu, Jehoaſh began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jeruſalem. And his mother's name was Zibiah of Beerſheba.

2 And Jehoaſh did that which was right in the ſight of the Lord, all his days wherein Jehoiada the prieſt inſtructed him.

3 But the high-places were not taken away: the people ſtill ſacrificed and burned incenſe in the high-places.

4 And Jehoaſh ſaid to the prieſts, All the money of the dedicated things that is brought into the houſe of the Lord, even the money of every one that paſſeth the account, the money that every man is ſet at, and all the money that cometh into any man's heart to bring into the houſe of the Lord,

Gave him the teſtimony, ver. 12.] A book wherein the law was written which teſtifies of God's will and man's duty.

5 Let the prieſts take it to them, every man of his acquaintance; and let them repair the breaches of the houſe, whereſoever any breach ſhall be found.

6 But it was ſo, that in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoaſh the prieſts had not repaired the breaches of the houſe.

7 Then king Jehoaſh called for Jehoiada the prieſt, and the other prieſts, and ſaid unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the houſe? now therefore receive no more money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the houſe.

8 And the prieſts conſented to receive no more money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the houſe.

9 But Jehoiada the prieſt took a cheſt, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and ſet it beſide the altar, on the right ſide as one cometh into the houſe of the Lord: and the prieſts that kept the door put therein all the money that was brought into the houſe of the Lord.

10 And it was ſo, when they ſaw that there was much money in the cheſt, that the king's ſcribe and the high-prieſt came up, and they put up in bags, and told the money that was found in the houſe of the Lord.

11 And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the overſight of the houſe of the Lord: and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought upon the houſe of the Lord.

12 And to maſons, and hewers of ſtone, and to buy timber, and hewed ſtone, to repair the breaches of the houſe of the Lord, and for all that was laid out for the houſe to repair it.

13 Howbeit, there were not made for the houſe of the Lord, bowls of ſilver, ſnuffers, baſons, trumpets, any veſſels of gold, or veſſels of ſilver, of the money that was brought into the houſe of the Lord.

14 But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith the houſe of the Lord.

15 Moreover, they reckoned not with the men into whoſe hand they delivered the money to be beſtowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.

16 The treſpaſs-money, and ſin-money, was not brought into the houſe of the Lord: it was the prieſts'.

17 ¶ Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought againſt Gath, and took it: and Hazael ſet his face to go up to Jeruſalem.

18 And Jehoaſh king of Judah, took all the hallowed things that Jehoſhaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold that was found in the treaſures of the houſe of the Lord, and in the king's houſe, and ſent it to Hazael king of Syria: and he went away from Jeruſalem.

19 ¶ And the reſt of the acts of Joaſh, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

Why repair ye not the breaches? ver. 7.] Kings have power over eccleſiaſtical perſons, to ſee that they diſcharge their office faithfully, though not to execute it themſelves.

20 And his ſervants aroſe, and made a conſpiracy, and ſlew Joaſh in the houſe of Millo, which goeth down to Silla.

21 For Jozachar, the ſon of Shimeath, and Jehozabad, the ſon of Shomer, his ſervants, ſmote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David. And Amaziah his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XIII.

Jehoahaz's wicked reign.

IN the three and twentieth year of Joaſh, the ſon of Ahaziah king of Judah, Jehoahaz, the ſon of Jehu, began to reign over Iſrael in Samaria, and reigned ſeventeen years.

2 And he did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord, and followed the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, which made Iſrael to ſin; he departed not therefrom.

3 And the anger of the Lord was kindled againſt Iſrael, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the ſon of Hazael, all their days.

4 And Jehoahaz beſought the Lord, and the Lord hearkened unto him: for he ſaw the oppreſſion of Iſrael, becauſe the king of Syria oppreſſed them.

5 And the Lord gave Iſrael a Saviour, ſo that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Iſrael dwelt in their tents, as before-time.

6 Nevertheleſs, they departed not from the ſins of the houſe of Jeroboam, who made Iſrael ſin, but walked therein; and there remained the grove alſo in Samaria.

7 Neither did he leave of the people to Jehoahaz but fifty horſemen, and ten chariots, and ten thouſand footmen: for the king of Syria had deſtroyed them, and had made them like the duſt by threſhing.

8 Now the reſt of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

9 And Jehoahaz ſlept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Joaſh his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

10 In the thirty and ſeventh year of Joaſh king of Judah began Jehoaſh the ſon of Jehoahaz to reign over Iſrael in Samaria, and reigned ſixteen years.

11 And he did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord; he departed not from all the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who made Iſrael ſin; but he walked therein.

12 And the reſt of the acts of Joaſh, and all that he did, and his might wherewith he fought againſt Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

13 And Joaſh ſlept with his fathers; and Jeroboam ſat upon his throne; and Joaſh was buried in Samaria with the kings of Iſrael.

14 ¶ Now Eliſha was fallen ſick of his ſickneſs whereof he died. And Joaſh the king of Iſrael came down unto him, and wept over his face, and ſaid, O my father, my father, the chariot of Iſrael, and the horſemen thereof.

15 And Eliſha ſaid unto him, Take a bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows.

16 And he ſaid to the king of Iſrael, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it: and Eliſha put his hands upon the king's hands.

17 And he ſaid, Open the window eaſt-ward. And he opened it. Then Eliſha ſaid, Shoot. And he ſhot. And he ſaid, The arrow of the Lord's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou ſhalt ſmite the Syrians in Aphek till thou have conſumed them.

18 And he ſaid, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he ſaid unto the king of Iſrael, Smite upon the ground. And he ſmote thrice, and ſtayed.

19 And the man of God was wroth with him, and ſaid, Thou ſhouldeſt have ſmitten five or ſix times; then hadſt thou ſmitten Syria till thou hadſt conſumed it: whereas now thou ſhalt ſmite Syria but thrice.

20 ¶ And Eliſha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming-in of the year.

21 And it came to paſs as they were burying a man, that behold, they ſpied a band of men; and they caſt the man into the ſepulchre of Eliſha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Eliſha, he revived, and ſtood up on his feet.

22 But Hazael king of Syria oppreſſed Iſrael all the days of Jehoahaz.

23 And the Lord was gracious unto them, and had compaſſion on them, and had reſpect unto them, becauſe of his covenant with Abraham, Iſaac, and Jacob, and would not deſtroy them, neither caſt he them from his preſence as yet.

24 So Hazael king of Syria died; and Ben-hadad his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

25 And Jehoaſh, the ſon of Jehoahaz, took again out of the hand of Ben-hadad, the ſon of Hazael, the cities which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joaſh beat him, and recovered the cities of Iſrael.

CHAP. XIV.

Amaziah's good reign.

IN the ſecond year of Joaſh the ſon of Jehoahaz, king of Iſrael, reigned Amaziah the ſon of Joaſh, king of Judah.

2 He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jeruſalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jeruſalem.

3 And he did that which was right in the ſight of the Lord, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joaſh his father did.

Smite upon the ground, ver. 18.] Having by the former ſign ſhewed that he ſhould overcome the Syrians, now by another he ſhewed him how often he ſhould overcome them.

4 Howbeit, the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did ſacrifice and burn incenſe on the high places.

5 And it came to paſs, as ſoon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he ſlew his ſervants which had ſlain the king his father.

6 But the children of the murderers he ſlew not: according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moſes, wherein the Lord commanded, ſaying, The fathers ſhall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man ſhall be put to death for his own ſin.

7 He ſlew of Edom in the valley of ſalt ten thouſand, and took Selah by war, and called the name of it Jok-theel unto this day.

8 Then Amaziah ſent meſſengers to Jehoaſh the ſon of Jehoahaz ſon of Jehu king of Iſrael, ſaying, Come, let us look one another in the face.

9 And Jehoaſh king of Iſrael ſent to Amaziah king of Judah, ſaying, The thiſtle that was in Lebanon ſent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, ſaying, Give thy daughter to my ſon to wife: and there paſſed by a wild beaſt that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thiſtle.

10 Thou haſt, indeed, ſmitten Edom, and thine heart hath lifted thee up: glory of this, and tarry at home: for why ſhouldeſt thou meddle to thy hurt, that thou ſhouldeſt fall, even thou, and Judah with thee?

11 But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jehoaſh king of Iſrael went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-ſhemeſh, which belongeth to Judah.

12 And Judah was put to the worſe before Iſrael; and they fled every man to their tents.

13 And Jehoaſh king of Iſrael took Amaziah king of Judah, the ſon of Jehoaſh the ſon of Ahaziah, at Beth-ſhemeſh, and came to Jeruſalem, and brake down the wall of Jeruſalem, from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

14 And he took all the gold and ſilver, and all the veſſels that were found in the houſe of the Lord, and in the treaſures of the king's houſe, and hoſtages, and returned to Samaria.

15 Now the reſt of the acts of Jehoaſh, which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

16 And Jehoaſh ſlept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Iſrael; and Jeroboam his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

17 ¶ And Amaziah, the ſon of Joaſh king of Judah, lived after the death of Jehoahaz king of Iſrael fifteen years.

18 And the reſt of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

19 Now they made a conſpiracy againſt him in Jeruſalem: and he fled to Lachiſh; but they ſent after him to Lachiſh, and ſlew him there.

Ver. 9.] "The thiſtle:" the king of Judah. "The cedar:" the king of Iſrael. "Give thy daughter," &c. I think myſelf as good as thee, and my forces able to encounter thine. "A wild beaſt, &c. trode down the thiſtle:" ſo ſhall my army deſtroy thine.

20 And they brought him on horſes: and he was buried at Jeruſalem with his fathers in the city of David.

21 ¶ And all the people of Judah took Azariah, which was ſixteen years old, and made him king inſtead of his father Amaziah.

22 He built Elath, and reſtored it to Judah, after that the king ſlept with his fathers.

23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the ſon of Joaſh king of Judah Jeroboam the ſon of Joaſh king of Iſrael began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty and one years.

24 And he did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord: he departed not from all the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who made Iſrael to ſin.

25 He reſtored the coaſt of Iſrael from the entering of Hamath, unto the ſea of the plain, according to the word of the Lord God of Iſrael which he ſpake by the hand of his ſervant Jonah, the ſon of Amittai the prophet, which was of Gath-hepher.

26 For the Lord ſaw the affliction of Iſrael, that it was very bitter: for there was not any ſhut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Iſrael.

27 And the Lord ſaid not that he would blot out the name of Iſrael from under heaven: but he ſaved them by the hand of Jeroboam the ſon of Joaſh.

28 Now the reſt of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damaſcus and Hamath, which belonged to Judah, for Iſrael, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

29 And Jeroboam ſlept with his fathers, even with the kings of Iſrael: and Zechariah his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XV.

Azariah's good reign.

IN the twenty and ſeventh year of Jeroboam king of Iſrael began Azariah ſon of Amaziah king of Judah to reign.

2 Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two and fifty years in Jeruſalem. And his mother's name was Jecholiah of Jeruſalem.

3 And he did that which was right in the ſight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah had done;

4 Save that the high places were not removed: the people ſacrificed and burned incenſe ſtill on the high places.

5 ¶ And the Lord ſmote the king, ſo that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a ſeveral houſe. And Jotham the king's ſon was over the houſe, judging the people of the land.

6 And the reſt of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

7 So Azariah ſlept with his fathers: and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: And Jotham his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

To reign, ver. 1.] Alone; having reigned twelve years in his father's life-time.

8 In the thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah did Zechariah the ſon of Jeroboam reign over Iſrael in Samaria ſix months.

9 And he did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who made Iſrael to ſin.

10 And Shallum the ſon of Jabeſh conſpired againſt him, and ſmote him before the people, and ſlew him, and reigned in his ſtead.

11 And the reſt of the acts of Zechariah, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael.

12 This was the word of the Lord, which he ſpake unto Jehu, ſaying, Thy ſons ſhall ſit on the throne of Iſrael unto the fourth generation. And ſo it came to paſs.

13 Shallum the ſon of Jabeſh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of Uzziah king of Judah, and he reigned a full month in Samaria.

14 For Menahem the ſon of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and ſmote Shallum the ſon of Jabeſh in Samaria, and ſlew him, and reigned in his ſtead.

15 And the reſt of the acts of Shallum, and his conſpiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael.

16 Then Menahem ſmote Tiphſah, and all that were therein, and the coaſts thereof from Tirzah: becauſe they opened not to him, therefore he ſmote it; and all the women therein that were with child he ripped up.

17 In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah began Menahem the ſon of Gadi to reign over Iſrael, and reigned ten years in Samaria.

18 And he did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord: he departed not all his days from the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who made Iſrael to ſin.

19 And Pul the king of Aſſyria came againſt the land: and Menahem gave Pul a thouſand talents of ſilver, that his hand might be with him, to confirm the kingdom in his hand.

20 And Menahem exacted the money of Iſrael, even of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty ſhekels of ſilver, to give to the king of Aſſyria. So the king of Aſſyria turned back, and ſtayed not there in the land.

21 And the reſt of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

22 And Menahem ſlept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

23 In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekahiah the ſon of Menahem began to reign over Iſrael in Samaria, and reigned two years.

24 And he did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord: he departed not from the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who made Iſrael to ſin.

25 But Pekah the ſon of Remaliah, a captain of his, conſpired againſt him,

A thouſand talents of ſilver, ver. 19.] Three hundred forty-two thouſand one hundred eighty-five pounds and fifteen ſhillings. In bulk or weight about forty-two tons.

and ſmote him in Samaria, in the palace of the king's houſe, with Argob, and Arieh, and with him fifty men of the Gileadites: and he killed him, and reigned in his room.

26 And the reſt of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael.

27 In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekah the ſon of Remaliah began to reign over Iſrael in Samaria, and reigned twenty years:

28 And he did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord: he departed not from the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who made Iſrael to ſin.

29 In the days of Pekah king of Iſrael came Tiglath-pileſer king of Aſſyria, and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maacah, and Janoah, and Kedeſh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Aſſyria.

30 And Hoſhea the ſon of Elah made a conſpiracy againſt Pekah the ſon of Remaliah, and ſmote him, and ſlew him, and reigned in his ſtead, in the twentieth year of Jotham the ſon of Uzziah.

31 And the reſt of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael.

32 ¶ In the ſecond year of Pekah the ſon of Remaliah king of Iſrael began Jotham the ſon of Uzziah king of Judah to reign.

33 Five and twenty years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned ſixteen years in Jeruſalem. And his mother's name was Jeruſha the daughter of Zadok.

34 And he did that which was right in the ſight of the Lord: he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

35 Howbeit, the high places were not removed: the people ſacrificed and burned incenſe ſtill in the high places. He built the higher gate of the houſe of the Lord.

36 Now the reſt of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

37 In thoſe days the Lord began to ſend againſt Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the ſon of Remaliah.

38 And Jotham ſlept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XVI.

Ahaz's wicked reign.

IN the ſeventeenth year of Pekah the ſon of Remaliah Ahaz the ſon of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.

2 Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned ſixteen years in Jeruſalem, and did not that which was right in the ſight of the Lord his God, like David his father.

3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Iſrael, yea, and made his ſon to paſs through the fire, according to

the abominations of the heathen whom the Lord caſt out from before the children of Iſrael.

4 And he ſacrificed and burned incenſe in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 Then Rezin king of Syria, and Pekah ſon of Remaliah king of Iſrael, came up to Jeruſalem to war: and they beſieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him.

6 At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath; and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day.

7 So Ahaz ſent meſſengers to Tiglath-pileſer king of Aſſyria, ſaying, I am thy ſervant and thy ſon: come up, and ſave me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Iſrael, which riſe up againſt me.

8 And Ahaz took the ſilver and gold that was found in the houſe of the Lord, and in the treaſures of the king's houſe, and ſent it for a preſent to the king of Aſſyria.

9 And the king of Aſſyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Aſſyria went up againſt Damaſcus, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and ſlew Rezin.

10 And king Ahaz went to Damaſcus to meet Tiglath-pileſer king of Aſſyria, and ſaw an altar that was at Damaſcus: and king Ahaz ſent to Urijah the prieſt the faſhion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanſhip thereof.

11 And Urijah the prieſt built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had ſent from Damaſcus: ſo Urijah the prieſt made it againſt king Ahaz came from Damaſcus.

12 And when the king was come from Damaſcus, the king ſaw the altar: and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon.

13 And he burned his burnt-offering and his meat-offering, and poured his drink-offering, and ſprinkled the blood of his peace-offerings upon the altar.

14 And he brought alſo the brazen altar which was before the Lord, from the fore-front of the houſe, from between the altar and the houſe of the Lord, and put it on the north ſide of the altar.

15 And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the prieſt, ſaying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt-offering, and the evening meat-offering; and the king's burnt-ſacrifice, and his meat-offering; with the burnt-offering of all the people of the land, and their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings: and ſprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt-offering, and all the blood of the ſacrifice: and the brazen altar ſhall be for me to enquire by.

16 Thus did Urijah the prieſt, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

17 ¶ And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the baſes, and removed the laver from off them; and took down the ſea from off the brazen oxen that were under it, and put it upon a pavement of ſtones.

18 And the covert for the ſabbath that they had built in the houſe, and the king's entry without, turned he from the houſe of the Lord, for the king of Aſſyria.

19 ¶ Now the reſt of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 And Ahaz ſlept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XVII.

Hoſhea's wicked reign.

1 IN the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoſhea the ſon of Elah to reign in Samaria over Iſrael, nine years.

2 And he did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord, but not as the kings of Iſrael that were before him.

3 Againſt him came up Shalmaneſer king of Aſſyria; and Hoſhea became his ſervant, and gave him preſents.

4 And the king of Aſſyria found conſpiracy in Hoſhea: for he had ſent meſſengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no preſent to the king of Aſſyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Aſſyria ſhut him up, and bound him in priſon.

5 ¶ Then the king of Aſſyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and beſieged it three years.

6 In the ninth year of Hoſhea, the king of Aſſyria took Samaria, and carried Iſrael away into Aſſyria, and placed them in Halah, and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

7 For ſo it was, that the children of Iſrael had ſinned againſt the Lord their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods,

8 And walked in the ſtatutes of the heathen whom the Lord caſt out from before the children of Iſrael, and of the kings of Iſrael, which they had made.

9 And the children of Iſrael did ſecretly thoſe things that were not right againſt the Lord their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

10 And they ſet them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree.

11 And there they burned incenſe in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the Lord carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the Lord to anger:

12 For they ſerved idols whereof the Lord had ſaid unto them, Ye ſhall not do this thing.

13 Yet the Lord teſtified againſt Iſrael, and againſt Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the ſeers, ſaying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments, and my ſtatutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I ſent to you by my ſervants the prophets.

Tower of the watchmen, ver. 9.] The moſt lonely places in the country, to the moſt populous city, every where, in city and country.

14 Notwithſtanding, they would not hear, but hardened their necks like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the Lord their God.

15 And they rejected his ſtatutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his teſtimonies which he teſtified againſt them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the Lord had charged them that they ſhould not do like them.

16 And they left all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worſhipped all the hoſt of heaven, and ſerved Baal.

17 And they cauſed their ſons and their daughters to paſs through the fire, and uſed divination and inchantments, and ſold themſelves to do evil in the ſight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger.

18 Therefore the Lord was very angry with Iſrael, and removed them out of his ſight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

19 Alſo Judah kept not the commandments of the Lord their God, but walked in the ſtatutes of Iſrael which they made.

20 And the Lord rejected all the ſeed of Iſrael, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of ſpoilers, until he had caſt them out of his ſight.

21 For he rent Iſrael from the houſe of David; and they made Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drove Iſrael from following the Lord, and made them ſin a great ſin.

22 For the children of Iſrael walked in all the ſins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them;

23 Until the Lord removed Iſrael out of his ſight, as he had ſaid by all his ſervants the prophets. So was Iſrael carried away out of their own land to Aſſyria unto this day.

24 ¶ And the king of Aſſyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Avah, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria, inſtead of the children of Iſrael: and they poſſeſſed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

25 And ſo it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the Lord: therefore the Lord ſent lions among them, which ſlew ſome of them.

26 Wherefore they ſpake to the king of Aſſyria, ſaying, The nations which thou haſt removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath ſent lions among them, and behold, they ſlay them, becauſe they know not the manner of the God of the land.

27 Then the king of Aſſyria commanded, ſaying, Carry thither one of the prieſts whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land.

28 Then one of the prieſts whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they ſhould fear the Lord.

29 Howbeit, every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houſes of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.

30 And the men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Aſhima.

31 And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burned their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

32 So they feared the Lord, and made unto themſelves of the loweſt of them prieſts of the high places, which ſacrificed for them in the houſes of the high places.

33 They feared the Lord, and ſerved their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.

34 Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the Lord, neither do they after their ſtatutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the Lord commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Iſrael.

35 With whom the Lord had made a covenant, and charged them, ſaying, Ye ſhall not fear other gods, nor bow yourſelves to them, nor ſerve them, nor ſacrifice to them:

36 But the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a ſtretched-out arm, him ſhall ye fear, and him ſhall ye worſhip, and to him ſhall ye do ſacrifice.

37 And the ſtatutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandments which he wrote for you, ye ſhall obſerve to do for evermore; and ye ſhall not fear other gods.

38 And the covenant that I have made with you ye ſhall not forget; neither ſhall ye fear other gods.

39 But the Lord your God ye ſhall fear; and he ſhall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

40 Howbeit, they did not hearken; but they did after their former manner.

41 So theſe nations feared the Lord, and ſerved their graven images, both their children and their children's children: as did their fathers, ſo do they unto this day.

CHAP. XVIII.

Hezekiah's good reign.

NOW it came to paſs, in the third year of Hoſhea ſon of Elah king of Iſrael, that Hezekiah the ſon of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.

2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign: and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jeruſalem. His mother's name alſo was Abi the daughter of Zechariah.

3 And he did that which was right in the ſight of the Lord, according to all that David his father did.

4 ¶ He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen ſerpent that Moſes had made; for unto thoſe days the children of Iſrael did

Feared the Lord, ver. 32.] Acknowledged Jehovah to be God, and performed ſome outward worſhips to him, leſt they ſhould be deſtroyed.

burn incenſe to it; and he called it Nehuſhtan.

5 He truſted in the Lord God of Iſrael; ſo that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him.

6 For he clave to the Lord, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the Lord commanded Moſes.

7 And the Lord was with him; and he proſpered whitherſoever he went forth. And he rebelled againſt the king of Aſſyria, and ſerved him not.

8 He ſmote the Philiſtines, even unto Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

9 ¶ And it came to paſs in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which was the ſeventh year of Hoſhea ſon of Elah, king of Iſrael, that Shalmaneſer king of Aſſyria came up againſt Samaria, and beſieged it.

10 And at the end of three years they took it: even in the ſixth year of Hezekiah, that is, the ninth year of Hoſhea king of Iſrael, Samaria was taken.

11 And the king of Aſſyria did carry away Iſrael unto Aſſyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes:

12 Becauſe they obeyed not the voice of the Lord their God, but tranſgreſſed his covenant, and all that Moſes the ſervant of the Lord commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them.

13 Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Aſſyria come up againſt all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

14 And Hezekiah king of Judah ſent to the king of Aſſyria to Lachiſh, ſaying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou putteſt on me will I bear. And the king of Aſſyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of ſilver and thirty talents of gold.

15 And Hezekiah gave him all the ſilver that was found in the houſe of the Lord, and in the treaſures of the king's houſe.

16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the Lord, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Aſſyria.

17 And the king of Aſſyria ſent Tartan, and Rabſaris, and Rab-ſhakeh from Lachiſh, to king Hezekiah, with a great hoſt againſt Jeruſalem. And they went up and came to Jeruſalem. And when they were come up, they came and ſtood by the conduit of the upper-pool, which is in the high-way of the fuller's field.

18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the ſon of Hilkiah, which was over the houſhold, and Shebna the ſcribe, and Joah the ſon of Aſaph the recorder.

19 And Rab-ſhakeh ſaid unto them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus ſaith the great king, the king of Aſſyria, What confidence is this wherein thou truſteſt?

20 Thou ſayeſt, (but they are but vain words,) I have counſel and ſtrength for

the war. Now on whom doſt thou truſt, that thou rebelleſt againſt me?

21 Now behold, thou truſteſt upon the ſtaff of this bruiſed reed, even upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: ſo is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that truſt on him.

22 But if ye ſay unto me, We truſt in the Lord our God: is not that he whoſe high places, and whoſe altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath ſaid to Judah and Jeruſalem, Ye ſhall worſhip before this altar in Jeruſalem?

23 Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of Aſſyria, and I will deliver thee two thouſand horſes, if thou be able on thy part to ſet riders upon them.

24 How then, wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the leaſt of my maſter's ſervants, and put thy truſt on Egypt for chariots and for horſemen?

25 Am I now come up without the Lord againſt this place to deſtroy it? The Lord ſaid to me, Go up againſt this land, and deſtroy it.

26 Then ſaid Eliakim the ſon of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rab-ſhakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy ſervants in the Syrian language; for we underſtand it: and talk not with us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people that are on the wall.

27 But Rab-ſhakeh ſaid unto them, Hath my maſter ſent me to thy maſter, and to thee, to ſpeak theſe words? hath he not ſent me to the men which ſit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piſs with you?

28 Then Rab-ſhakeh ſtood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and ſpake, ſaying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Aſſyria:

29 Thus ſaith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he ſhall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:

30 Neither let Hezekiah make you truſt in the Lord, ſaying, The Lord will ſurely deliver us, and this city ſhall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Aſſyria.

31 Hearken not to Hezekiah. For thus ſaith the king of Aſſyria, Make an agreement with me by a preſent, and come out to me, and then eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his ciſtern:

32 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vine-yards, a land of oil-olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he perſuadeth you, ſaying, The Lord will deliver us.

33 Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Aſſyria?

34 Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand?

35 Who are they among all the gods of the countries that have delivered their

country out of mine hand, that the Lord ſhould deliver Jeruſalem out of mine hand?

36 But the people held their peace, and anſwered him not a word. For the king's commandment was, ſaying, Anſwer him not.

37 Then came Eliakim the ſon of Hilkiah, which was over the houſhold, and Shebna the ſcribe, and Joah the ſon of Aſaph the recorder, to Hezekiah, with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab-ſhakeh.

CHAP. XIX.

Hezekiah mourning, ſendeth to Iſaiah to pray for them.

AND it came to paſs when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himſelf with ſackcloth, and went into the houſe of the Lord.

2 And he ſent Eliakim, which was over the houſhold, and Shebna the ſcribe, and the elders of the prieſts, covered with ſackcloth, to Iſaiah the prophet the ſon of Amoz.

3 And they ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke and blaſphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not ſtrength to bring forth.

4 It may be the Lord thy God will hear all the words of Rab-ſhakeh, whom the king of Aſſyria his maſter hath ſent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the Lord thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that are left.

5 So the ſervants of king Hezekiah came to Iſaiah.

6 ¶ And Iſaiah ſaid unto them, Thus ſhall ye ſay to your maſter, Thus ſaith the Lord, Be not afraid of the words which thou haſt heard, with which the ſervants of the king of Aſſyria have blaſphemed me.

7 Behold, I will ſend a blaſt upon him, and he ſhall hear a rumour, and ſhall return to his own land: and I will cauſe him to fall by the ſword in his own land.

8 ¶ So Rab-ſhakeh returned, and found the king of Aſſyria warring againſt Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachiſh.

9 And when he heard ſay of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight againſt thee: he ſent meſſengers again unto Hezekiah, ſaying,

10 Thus ſhall ye ſpeak to Hezekiah king of Judah, ſaying, Let not thy God in whom thou truſteſt deceive thee, ſaying, Jeruſalem ſhall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Aſſyria.

11 Behold, thou haſt heard what the kings of Aſſyria have done to all lands, by deſtroying them utterly: and ſhalt thou be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have deſtroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden, which were in Thelaſar?

13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king

The children are come to the birth, ver. 3.] We have begun a happy reformation, but are hindered by this infolent Aſſyrian from bringing it to perfection.

of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?

14 ¶ And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the meſſengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the houſe of the Lord, and ſpread it before the Lord.

15 And Hezekiah prayed before the Lord, and ſaid, O Lord God of Iſrael, which dwelleſt between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou haſt made heaven and earth.

16 Lord, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, Lord, thine eyes, and ſee: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath ſent him to reproach the living God.

17 Of a truth, Lord, the kings of Aſſyria have deſtroyed the nations and their lands,

18 And have caſt their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and ſtone: therefore they have deſtroyed them.

19 Now therefore, O Lord our God, I beſeech thee, ſave thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the Lord God, even thou only.

20 Then Iſaiah the ſon of Amoz ſent to Hezekiah, ſaying, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſrael, That which thou haſt prayed to me againſt Sennacherib king of Aſſyria I have heard.

21 This is the word that the Lord hath ſpoken concerning him, The virgin, the daughter of Zion hath deſpiſed thee, and laughed thee to ſcorn: the daughter of Jeruſalem hath ſhaken her head at thee.

22 Whom haſt thou reproached and blaſphemed? and againſt whom haſt thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even againſt the Holy One of Iſrael.

23 By thy meſſengers thou haſt reproached the Lord, and haſt ſaid, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the ſides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar-trees thereof, and the choice fir-trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, and into the foreſt of his Carmel.

24 I have digged and drank ſtrange waters, and with the ſole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of beſieged places.

25 Haſt thou not heard long ago how I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to paſs that thou ſhouldeſt be to lay waſte fenced cities into ruinous heaps.

26 Therefore their inhabitants were of ſmall power, they were diſmayed and confounded; they were as the graſs of the field, and as the green herb, as the graſs on the houſe tops, and as corn blaſted before it be grown up.

27 But I know thy abode, and thy going-out and thy coming-in, and thy rage againſt me.

28 Becauſe thy rage againſt me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy noſe, and my bridle in thy lips, and I

will turn thee back by the way by which thou cameſt.

29 And this ſhall be a ſign unto thee, Ye ſhall eat this year ſuch things as grow of themſelves, and in the ſecond year that which ſpringeth of the ſame; and in the third year ſow ye and reap, and plant vine-yards, and eat the fruits thereof.

30 And the remnant that is eſcaped of the houſe of Judah ſhall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

31 For out of Jeruſalem ſhall go forth a remnant, and they that eſcape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the Lord of hoſts ſhall do this.

32 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord concerning the king of Aſſyria, He ſhall not come into this city, nor ſhoot an arrow there, nor come before it with ſhield, nor caſt a bank againſt it.

33 By the way that he came, by the ſame ſhall he return, and ſhall not come into this city, ſaith the Lord.

34 For I will defend this city to ſave it, for mine own ſake, and for my ſervant David's ſake.

35 ¶ And it came to paſs that night, that the angel of the Lord went out, and ſmote in the camp of the Aſſyrians an hundred fourſcore and five thouſand: and when they aroſe early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpſes.

36 ¶ So Sennacherib king of Aſſyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

37 And it came to paſs as he was worſhipping in the houſe of Niſroch, his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his ſons ſmote him with the ſword: and they eſcaped into the land of Armenia. And Eſar-haddon his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XX.

Hezekiah, receiving a meſſage of death, by prayer hath his life lengthened.

IN thoſe days was Hezekiah ſick unto death: and the prophet Iſaiah the ſon of Amoz came to him, and ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith the Lord, Set thine houſe in order; for thou ſhalt die, and not live.

2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the Lord, ſaying,

3 I beſeech thee, O Lord, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth, and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy ſight. And Hezekiah wept ſore.

4 And it came to paſs before Iſaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, ſaying,

5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus ſaith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have ſeen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee; on the third day thou ſhalt go up unto the houſe of the Lord.

6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years: and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Aſſyria; and I will defend this city for

mine own ſake, and for my ſervant David's ſake.

7 And Iſaiah ſaid, Take a lump of figs. And they took, and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

8 ¶ And Hezekiah ſaid unto Iſaiah, What ſhall be the ſign that the Lord will heal me, and that I ſhall go up into the houſe of the Lord, the third day?

9 And Iſaiah ſaid, This ſign ſhalt thou have of the Lord, that the Lord will do the thing that he hath ſpoken: ſhall the ſhadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?

10 And Hezekiah anſwered, It is a light thing for the ſhadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the ſhadow return backward ten degrees.

11 And Iſaiah the prophet cried unto the Lord: and he brought the ſhadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.

12 At that time Berodach-baladan the ſon of Baladan, king of Babylon, ſent letters and a preſent unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been ſick.

13 And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and ſhewed them all the houſe of his precious things, the ſilver, and the gold, and the ſpices, and the precious ointment, and all the houſe of his armour, and all that was found in his treaſures: there was nothing in his houſe, nor in all his dominions, that Hezekiah ſhewed them not.

14 Then came Iſaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and ſaid unto him, What ſaid theſe men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah ſaid, They are come from a far country, even from Babylon.

15 And he ſaid, What have they ſeen in thine houſe? And Hezekiah anſwered, All the things that are in mine houſe have they ſeen: there is nothing among my treaſures that I have not ſhewed them.

16 And Iſaiah ſaid unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord.

17 Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine houſe, and that which thy fathers have laid up in ſtore unto this day, ſhall be carried into Babylon: nothing ſhall be left, ſaith the Lord.

18 And of thy ſons that ſhall iſſue from thee which thou ſhalt beget, ſhall they take away; and they ſhall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

19 Then ſaid Hezekiah unto Iſaiah, Good is the word of the Lord which thou haſt ſpoken. And he ſaid, Is it not good if peace and truth be in my days?

20 ¶ And the reſt of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

21 And Hezekiah ſlept with his fathers: and Manaſſeh his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XXI.

Manaſſeh's reign: his great idolatry.

MANASSEH was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned

fifty and five years in Jeruſalem. And his mother's name was Hephzi-bah.

2 And he did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord, after the abominations of the heathen whom the Lord caſt out before the children of Iſrael.

3 ¶ For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had deſtroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Iſrael; and worſhipped all the hoſt of heaven, and ſerved them.

4 And he built altars in the houſe of the Lord, of which the Lord ſaid, In Jeruſalem will I put my name.

5 And he built altars for all the hoſt of heaven in the two courts of the houſe of the Lord.

6 And he made his ſon paſs through the fire, and obſerved times, and uſed inchantments, and dealt with familiar ſpirits, and wizards: he wrought much wickedneſs in the ſight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger.

7 And he ſet a graven image of the grove that he had made in the houſe of which the Lord ſaid to David, and to Solomon his ſon, In this houſe, and in Jeruſalem which I have choſen out of all tribes of Iſrael, will I put my name for ever.

8 Neither will I make the feet of Iſrael move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will obſerve to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my ſervant Moſes commanded them.

9 But they hearkened not: and Manaſſeh ſeduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the Lord deſtroyed before the children of Iſrael.

10 And the Lord ſpake by his ſervants the prophets, ſaying,

11 Becauſe Manaſſeh king of Judah hath done theſe abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and hath made Judah alſo to ſin with his idols:

12 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſrael, Behold, I am bringing ſuch evil upon Jeruſalem and Judah, that whoſoever heareth of it, both his ears ſhall tingle.

13 And I will ſtretch over Jeruſalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the houſe of Ahab: and I will wipe Jeruſalem as a man wipeth a diſh, wiping it, and turning it upſide down.

14 And I will forſake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they ſhall become a prey and a ſpoil to all their enemies.

15 Becauſe they have done that which was evil in my ſight, and have provoked me to anger ſince the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, unto this day.

16 Moreover, Manaſſeh ſhed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jeruſalem from one end to another: beſide his ſin wherewith he made Judah to ſin, in doing that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord.

17 Now the reſt of the acts of Manaſſeh, and all that he did, and his ſin that he ſinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

Wipe Jeruſalem as a man wipeth a diſh, ver. 13.] *i. e.* Take clean away the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, and overthrow the ſtate of the Jews.

18 And Manaſſeh ſlept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own houſe, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

19 ¶ Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jeruſalem. And his mother's name was Meſhullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

20 And he did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord, as his father Manaſſeh did.

21 And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and ſerved the idols that his father ſerved, and worſhipped them:

22 And he forſook the Lord God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the Lord.

23 ¶ And the ſervants of Amon conſpired againſt him, and ſlew the king in his own houſe.

24 And the people of the land ſlew all them that had conſpired againſt king Amon; and the people of the land made Joſiah his ſon king in his ſtead.

25 Now the reſt of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

26 And he was buried in his ſepulchre, in the garden of Uzza: and Joſiah his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XXII.

Joſiah's good reign.

JOSIAH was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jeruſalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boſcath.

2 And he did that which was right in the ſight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aſide to the right hand or to the left.

3 ¶ And it came to paſs in the eighteenth year of king Joſiah, that the king ſent Shaphan the ſon of Azaliah, the ſon of Meſhullam the ſcribe, to the houſe of the Lord, ſaying,

4 Go up to Hilkiah the high prieſt, that he may ſum the ſilver which is brought into the houſe of the Lord, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people;

5 And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the overſight of the houſe of the Lord: and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the houſe of the Lord, to repair the breaches of the houſe;

6 Unto carpenters, and builders, and maſons, and to buy timber and hewn ſtone, to repair the houſe.

7 Howbeit, there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, becauſe they dealt faithfully.

8 ¶ And Hilkiah the high prieſt ſaid unto Shaphan the ſcribe, I have found the book of the law in the houſe of the Lord. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

9 And Shaphan the ſcribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and ſaid, Thy ſervants have gathered the money that was found in

the houſe, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the overſight of the houſe of the Lord.

10 And Shaphan the ſcribe ſhewed the king, ſaying, Hilkiah the prieſt hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

11 And it came to paſs, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

12 And the king commanded Hilkiah the prieſt, and Ahikam the ſon of Shaphan, and Achbor the ſon of Michaiah, and Shaphan the ſcribe, and Aſahiah a ſervant of the king's, ſaying,

13 Go ye, enquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found; for great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled againſt us, becauſe our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

14 So Hilkiah the prieſt, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Aſahiah, went unto Huldah the propheteſs, the wife of Shallum the ſon of Tikvah, the ſon of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe. Now ſhe dwelt in Jeruſalem, in the college: And they communed with her.

15 ¶ And ſhe ſaid unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſrael, Tell the man that ſent you to me,

16 Thus ſaith the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read:

17 Becauſe they have forſaken me, and have burned incenſe unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath ſhall be kindled againſt this place, and ſhall not be quenched.

18 But to the king of Judah, which ſent you to enquire of the Lord, thus ſhall ye ſay to him, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſrael, As touching the words which thou haſt heard;

19 Becauſe thine heart was tender, and thou haſt humbled thyſelf before the Lord, when thou heardeſt what I ſpake againſt this place, and againſt the inhabitants thereof, that they ſhould become a deſolation and a curſe, and haſt rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I alſo have heard thee, ſaith the Lord.

20 Behold, therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou ſhalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes ſhall not ſee all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

CHAP. XXIII.

Joſiah cauſeth the book of the law to be read, &c.

AND the king ſent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah, and of Jeruſalem.

2 And the king went up into the houſe of the Lord, and all the men of Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jeruſalem with him, and the prieſts, and the

prophets, and all the people both ſmall and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the houſe of the Lord.

3 ¶ And the king ſtood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments, and his teſtimonies, and his ſtatutes, with all their heart and all their ſoul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people ſtood to the covenant.

4 ¶ And the king commanded Hilkiah the high prieſt, and the prieſts of the ſecond order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the Lord all the veſſels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the hoſt of heaven. And he burned them without Jeruſalem, in the fields of Kidron, and carried the aſhes of them unto Beth-el.

5 And he put down the idolatrous prieſts whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incenſe in the high places, in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jeruſalem, them alſo that burned incenſe unto Baal, to the ſun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the hoſt of heaven.

6 And he brought out the grove from the houſe of the Lord, without Jeruſalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and ſtamped it ſmall to powder, and caſt the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people.

7 And he brake down the houſes of the ſodomites that were by the houſe of the Lord, where the women wove hangings for the grove.

8 And he brought all the prieſts out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the prieſts had burned incenſe, from Geba to Beer-ſheba, and brake down the high places of the gates that were in the entering-in of the gate of Joſhua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.

9 Nevertheleſs, the prieſts of the high places came not up to the altar of the Lord in Jeruſalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren.

10 And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his ſon or his daughter to paſs through the fire to Molech.

11 And he took away the horſes that the kings of Judah had given to the ſun, at the entering-in of the houſe of the Lord, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which was in the ſuburbs, and burned the chariots of the ſun with fire.

12 And the altars that were on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manaſſeh had made in the two courts of the houſe of the Lord, did the king beat down, and brake them down from thence, and caſt the duſt of them into the brook Kidron.

13 And the high places that were before Jeruſalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corrup-

Horſes, &c. ver. 11.] To draw the chariots to places where they might ſee the firſt riſing of the ſun, to worſhip it; or to draw ſome image of the ſun about the ſtreets, for the people to worſhip it.

tion, which Solomon the king of Iſrael had builded for Aſhtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemoſh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.

14 And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

15 Moreover, the altar that was at Beth-el, and the high place which Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who made Iſrael to ſin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and ſtamped it ſmall to powder, and burned the grove.

16 And as Joſiah turned himſelf, he ſpied the ſepulchres that were there in the mount, and ſent, and took the bones out of the ſepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the Lord which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed theſe words.

17 Then he ſaid, What title is that that I ſee? And the men of the city told him, It is the ſepulchre of the man of God which came from Judah, and proclaimed theſe things that thou haſt done againſt the altar of Beth-el.

18 And he ſaid, let him alone, let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria.

19 And all the houſes alſo of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Iſrael had made to provoke the Lord to anger, Joſiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el.

20 And he ſlew all the prieſts of the high places that were there, upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jeruſalem.

21 And the king commanded all the people, ſaying, Keep the paſſover unto the Lord your God, as it is written in the book of this covenant.

22 Surely there was not holden ſuch a paſſover, from the days of the judges that judged Iſrael, nor in all the days of the kings of Iſrael, nor of the kings of Judah;

23 But in the eighteenth year of king Joſiah, wherein this paſſover was holden to the Lord in Jeruſalem.

24 Moreover, the workers with familiar ſpirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were ſpied in the land of Judah, and in Jeruſalem, did Joſiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the prieſt found in the houſe of the Lord.

25 And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his ſoul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moſes; neither after him aroſe there any like him.

26 Notwithſtanding, the Lord turned not from the fierceneſs of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled againſt Judah, becauſe of all the

provocations that Manaſſeh had provoked him withal.

27 And the Lord ſaid, I will remove Judah alſo out of my ſight, as I have removed Iſrael, and will caſt off this city Jeruſalem, which I have choſen, and the houſe of which I ſaid, My name ſhall be there.

28 Now the reſt of the acts of Joſiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

29 In his days Pharaoh-nechoh king of Egypt went up againſt the king of Aſſyria to the river Euphrates: and king Joſiah went againſt him: and he ſlew him at Megiddo, when he had ſeen him.

30 And his ſervants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jeruſalem, and buried him in his own ſepulchre. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the ſon of Joſiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's ſtead.

31 Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jeruſalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

32 And he did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done.

33 And Pharaoh-nechoh put him in bands at Riblah, in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jeruſalem, and put the land to a tribute of an hundred talents of ſilver, and a talent of gold.

34 And Pharaoh-nechoh made Eliakim the ſon of Joſiah king in the room of Joſiah his father, and turned his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and died there.

35 And Jehoiakim gave the ſilver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh; he exacted the ſilver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it unto Pharaoh-nechoh.

36 Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jeruſalem. And his mother's name was Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

37 And he did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done.

CHAP. XXIV.

Jehoiakim, rebelling, procureth his own ruin, &c.

IN his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his ſervant three years: then he turned and rebelled againſt him.

2 And the Lord ſent againſt him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and ſent them againſt Judah to deſtroy it according to the word of the Lord, which he ſpake by his ſervants the prophets.

3 Surely at the commandment of the Lord came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his ſight for the ſins of Manaſſeh, according to all that he did;

4 And alſo for the innocent blood that he ſhed: for he filled Jeruſalem with innocent blood; which the Lord would not pardon.

5 Now the reſt of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

6 So Jehoiakim ſlept with his fathers; and Jehoiachin his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

7 And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

8 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jeruſalem three months. And his mother's name was Nehuſhta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jeruſalem.

9 And he did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord, according to all that his father had done.

10 ¶ At that time the ſervants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up againſt Jeruſalem, and the city was beſieged.

11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came againſt the city, and his ſervants did beſiege it.

12 And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his ſervants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

13 And he carried out thence all the treaſures of the houſe of the Lord, and the treaſures of the king's houſe, and cut in pieces all the veſſels of gold which Solomon king of Iſrael had made in the temple of the Lord, as the Lord had ſaid.

14 And he carried away all Jeruſalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thouſand captives, and all the craftſmen, and ſmiths: none remained, ſave the pooreſt ſort of the people of the land.

15 And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, thoſe carried he into captivity from Jeruſalem to Babylon.

16 And all the men of might, even ſeven thouſand, and craftſmen and ſmiths a thouſand, all that were ſtrong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

17 ¶ And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his ſtead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

18 Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jeruſalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

19 And he did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

20 For through the anger of the Lord it came to paſs in Jeruſalem and Judah, until he had caſt them out from his preſence, that Zedekiah rebelled againſt the king of Babylon.

CHAP. XXV.

Jeruſalem is beſieged: Zedekiah taken, &c.

AND it came to paſs in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his hoſt, againſt Jeruſalem, and pitched againſt it: and they built forts againſt it round about.

2 And the city was beſieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

3 And on the ninth day of the fourth month, the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

4 ¶ And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night, by the way of the gate, between two walls, which is by the king's garden; (now the Chaldees were againſt the city round about) and the king went the way toward the plain.

5 And the army of the Chaldees purſued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were ſcattered from him.

6 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgement upon him.

7 And they ſlew the ſons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of braſs, and carried him to Babylon.

8 And in the fifth month, on the ſeventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, a ſervant of the king of Babylon, unto Jeruſalem;

9 And he burned the houſe of the Lord, and the king's houſe, and all the houſes of Jeruſalem, and every great man's houſe burned he with fire.

10 And all the army of the Chaldees, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jeruſalem round about.

11 Now the reſt of the people that were left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzar-adan, the captain of the guard, carry away.

12 But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land to be vine-dreſſers and huſbandmen.

13 And the pillars of braſs that were in the houſe of the Lord, and the baſes, and the braſen ſea that was in the houſe of the Lord, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and carried the braſs of them to Babylon.

14 And the pots, and the ſhovels, and the ſnuffers, and the ſpoons, and all the veſſels of braſs wherewith they miniſtered, took they away.

15 And the fire-pans, and the bowls, and ſuch things as were of gold, in gold, and of ſilver, in ſilver, the captain of the guard took away.

16 The two pillars, one ſea, and the baſes which Solomon had made for the houſe of the Lord; the braſs of all theſe veſſels was without weight.

17 The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the chapiter upon it was braſs: and the height of the chapiter three cubits; and the wreathen-work, and pomegranates upon the chapiter round about, all of braſs: and like unto theſe had the ſecond pillar, with wreathen-work.

18 And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief prieſt, and Zephaniah the ſecond prieſt, and the three keepers of the door:

19 And out of the city he took an officer that was ſet over the men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's preſence, which were found in the city, and the principal ſcribe of the hoſt, which muſtered the people of the land, and threeſcore men of the people of the land that were found in the city:

20 And Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, took theſe, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah:

21 And the king of Babylon ſmote them, and ſlew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

22 And as for the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah, the ſon of Ahikam the ſon of Shaphan, ruler.

23 And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Iſhmael the ſon of Nethaniah, and Johanan the ſon of Careah, and Seraiah the ſon of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the ſon of a Maachathite, they and their men.

24 And Gedaliah ſware to them, and to their men, and ſaid unto them, Fear not to be the ſervants of the Chaldees: dwell in the land, and ſerve the king of Babylon, and it ſhall be well with you.

25 But it came to paſs in the ſeventh month, that Iſhmael the ſon of Nethaniah, the ſon of Eliſhama of the ſeed royal, came, and ten men with him, and ſmote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah.

26 And all the people, both ſmall and great, and the captains of the armies, aroſe, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldees.

27 And it came to paſs, in the ſeven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the ſeven and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, did lift up the head of Jehoiachin, king of Judah, out of priſon;

28 And he ſpake kindly to him, and ſet his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon;

29 And changed his priſon-garments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life.

30 And his allowance was a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES.*

CHAP. I.

Adam's line to Noah, &c.

ADAM, Sheth, Enoſh,
2 Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered,
3 Henoch, Methuſelah, Lamech,
4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
5 ¶ The ſons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meſhech, and Tiras.
6 And the ſons of Gomer; Aſhchenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.
7 And the ſons of Javan; Eliſhah, and Tarſhiſh, Kittim, and Dodanim.
8 ¶ The ſons of Ham; Cuſh, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.
9 And the ſons of Cuſh; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtecha. And the ſons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.
10 And Cuſh begat Nimrod. He began to be mighty upon the earth.
11 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,
12 And Pathruſim, and Caſluhim, (of whom came the Philiſtines,) and Caphthorim.
13 And Canaan begat Zidon his firſt-born, and Heth,
14 The Jebuſite alſo, and the Amorite, and the Gergaſhite,
15 And the Hivite, and the Archite, and the Sinite,
16 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.
17 ¶ The ſons of Shem; Elam, and Aſhur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meſhech,
18 And Arphaxad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber.
19 And unto Eber were born two ſons: the name of the one was Peleg; becauſe in his days the earth was divided: and his brother's name was Joktan.
20 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,
21 Hadoram alſo, and Uzal, and Diklah,
22 And Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba,
23 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All theſe were the ſons of Joktan.
24 ¶ Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,

* The deſign of theſe two books is chiefly to give an exact account of the genealogies, eſpecially of the Church, from Adam downwards; that ſo it might be known of what tribe and family Chriſt, the promiſed ſeed, was.

25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,
26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,
27 Abram; the ſame is Abraham.
28 The ſons of Abraham; Iſaac, and Iſhmael.
29 ¶ Theſe are their generations. The firſt-born of Iſhmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibſam,
30 Miſhma, and Dumah, Maſſa, Hadad, and Tema,
31 Jetur, Naphiſh, and Kedemah. Theſe are the ſons of Iſhmael.
32 ¶ Now the ſons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: ſhe bare Zimran, and Jokſhan, and Medan, and Midian, and Iſhbak, and Shuah. And the ſons of Jokſhan; Sheba, and Dedan.
33 And the ſons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Henoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All theſe are the ſons of Keturah.
34 ¶ And Abraham begat Iſaac. The ſons of Iſaac; Eſau and Iſrael.
35 The ſons of Eſau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeuſh, and Jaalam, and Korah.
36 The ſons of Eliphaz; Teman, and Omar, Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek.
37 The ſons of Reuel; Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.
38 And the ſons of Seir; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Diſhon, and Ezar, and Diſhan.
39 And the ſons of Lotan; Hori, and Homam: and Timna was Lotan's ſiſter.
40 The ſons of Shobal; Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And the ſons of Zibeon; Aiah, and Anah.
41 The ſons of Anah; Diſhon. And the ſons of Diſhon; Amram, and Eſhban, and Ithran, and Cheran.
42 The ſons of Ezer; Bilhan, and Zavan, and Jakan. The ſons of Diſhan; Uz, and Aran.
43 Now theſe are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the children of Iſrael: Bela the ſon of Beor: and the name of his city was Dinabah.
44 And when Bela was dead, Jobab the ſon of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his ſtead.
45 And when Jobab was dead, Huſham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his ſtead.
46 And when Huſham was dead, Hadad the ſon of Bedad, which ſmote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his ſtead: and the name of his city was Avith.
47 And when Hadad was dead, Samlah of Maſrekah reigned in his ſtead.
48 And when Samlah was dead, Shaul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his ſtead.
49 And when Shaul was dead, Baal-hanan the ſon of Achbor reigned in his ſtead.
50 And when Baal-hanan was dead, Hadad reigned in his ſtead: and the name of his city was Pai; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred the daughter of Mezahab.
51 Hadad died alſo. And the dukes of Edom were: duke Timna, duke Aliah, duke Jetheth,

52 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,

53 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar.

54 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram. Theſe are the dukes of Edom.

CHAP. II.

The ſons of Iſrael, &c.

THESE are the ſons of Iſrael; Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Iſſachar, and Zebulon,

2 Dan, Joſeph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Aſher.

3 ¶ The ſons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah: which three were born unto him of the daughter of Shua the Canaaniteſs. And Er, the firſt-born of Judah, was evil in the ſight of the Lord; and he ſlew him.

4 And Tamar his daughter-in-law bare him Pharez and Zerah. All the ſons of Judah were five.

5 The ſons of Pharez; Hezron, and Hamul.

6 And the ſons of Zerah; Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara; five of them in all.

7 And the ſons of Carmi; Achar, the troubler of Iſrael, who tranſgreſſed in the thing accurſed.

8 And the ſons of Ethan; Azariah.

9 The ſons alſo of Hezron, that were born unto him; Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai.

10 And Ram begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahſhon, prince of the children of Judah;

11 And Nahſhon begat Salma, and Salma begat Boaz,

12 And Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jeſſe,

13 ¶ And Jeſſe begat his firſt-born Eliab, and Abinadab the ſecond, and Shimma the third,

14 Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

15 Ozem the ſixth, David the ſeventh:

16 Whoſe ſiſters were Zeruiah, and Abigail. And the ſons of Zeruiah; Abiſhai, and Joab, and Aſahel, three.

17 And Abigail bare Amaſa: and the father of Amaſa was Jether the Iſhmeelite.

18 ¶ And Caleb the ſon of Hezron begat children of Azubah his wife, and of Jerioth: her ſons are theſe; Jeſher, and Shobab, and Ardon.

19 And when Azubah was dead, Caleb took unto him Ephrath, which bare him Hur.

20 And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezaleel.

21 ¶ And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he was threeſcore years old; and ſhe bare him Segub.

22 And Segub begat Jair, who had three and twenty cities in the land of Gilead.

23 And he took Geſhur, and Aram, with the towns of Jair, from them, with Kenath and the towns thereof, even threeſcore cities. All theſe belonged to the ſons of Machir, the father of Gilead.

24 And after that Hezron was dead in Caleb-ephratah, then Abiah Hezron's wife bare him Aſher the father of Tekoa.

25 ¶ And the ſons of Jerahmeel the firſt-born of Hezron were, Ram the firſt-born, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, and Ahijah.

26 Jerahmeel had alſo another wife, whoſe name was Atarah; ſhe was the mother of Onam.

27 And the ſons of Ram the firſt-born of Jerahmeel were, Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker.

28 And the ſons of Onam were, Shammai, and Jada. And the ſons of Shammai; Nadab, and Abiſhur.

29 And the name of the wife of Abiſhur was Abihail, and ſhe bare him Ahban, and Molid.

30 And the ſons of Nadab; Seled, and Appaim. But Seled died without children.

31 And the ſons of Appaim; Iſhi. And the ſons of Iſhi; Sheſhan. And the children of Sheſhan; Ahlai.

32 And the ſons of Jada the brother of Shammai; Jether and Jonathan. And Jether died without children.

33 And the ſons of Jonathan; Peleth and Zaza. Theſe were the ſons of Jerahmeel.

34 Now Sheſhan had no ſons, but daughters. And Sheſhan had a ſervant, an Egyptian, whoſe name was Jarha.

35 And Sheſhan gave his daughter to Jarha his ſervant to wife; and ſhe bare him Attai.

36 And Attai begat Nathan; and Nathan begat Zabad,

37 And Zabad begat Ephlal, and Ephlal begat Obed,

38 And Obed begat Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah,

39 And Azariah begat Helez, and Helez begat Eleaſah,

40 And Eleaſah begat Siſamai, and Siſamai begat Shallum,

41 And Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat Eliſhama.

42 Now the ſons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were, Meſha his firſt-born, which was the father of Ziph: and the ſons of Mareſha the father of Hebron.

43 And the ſons of Hebron; Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.

44 And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jorkoam: and Rekem begat Shammai.

45 And the ſon of Shammai was Maon: and Maon was the father of Beth-zur.

46 And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bare Haran, and Moza, and Gazez: and Haran begat Gazez.

47 And the ſons of Jahdai; Regem, and Jotham, and Geſhan, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph.

48 Maachah Caleb's concubine bare Sheber, and Tirhanah.

49 She bare alſo Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibea: and the daughter of Caleb was Achſa.

50 Theſe were the ſons of Caleb the ſon of Hur, the firſt-born of Ephratah; Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim,

51 Salma the father of Beth-lehem, Hareph the father of Beth-gader.

52 And Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim had ſons; Haroeh, and half of the Manahethites.

53 And the families of Kirjath-jearim; the Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Miſhraites: of them came the Zareathites, and the Eſhtaulites.

54 The ſons of Salma; Beth-lehem, and the Netophathites, Ataroth, the houſe of Joab, and half of the Manahethites, the Zorites.

55 And the families of the ſcribes which dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and Suchathites: theſe are the Kenites that came of Hemath, the father of the houſe of Rechab.

CHAP. III.

The ſons of David: his line to Zedekiah.

NOW theſe were the ſons of David which were born unto him in Hebron; the firſt-born Ammon, of Ahinoam the Jezreeliteſs; the ſecond Daniel, of Abigail the Carmeeliteſs:

2 The third, Abſalom the ſon of Maachah, the daughter of Talmai king of Geſhur: the fourth, Adonijah the ſon of Haggith;

3 The fifth, Shephatiah of Abital: the ſixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife.

4 Theſe ſix were born unto him in Hebron; and there he reigned ſeven years and ſix months: and in Jeruſalem he reigned thirty and three years.

5 And theſe were born unto him in Jeruſalem; Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bath-ſhua, the daughter of Ammiel:

6 Ibhar alſo, and Eliſhama, and Eliphelet,

7 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

8 And Eliſhama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine.

9 Theſe were all the ſons of David, beſide the ſons of the concubines, and Tamar their ſiſter.

10 ¶ And Solomon's ſon was, Rehoboam, Abia his ſon, Aſa his ſon, Jehoſhaphat his ſon,

11 Joram his ſon, Ahaziah his ſon, Joaſh his ſon,

12 Amaziah his ſon, Azariah his ſon, Jotham his ſon,

13 Ahaz his ſon, Hezekiah his ſon, Manaſſeh his ſon,

14 Amon his ſon, Joſiah his ſon.

15 And the ſons of Joſiah were, the firſt-born Johanan, the ſecond Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.

16 And the ſons of Jehoiakim; Jeconiah his ſon, Zedekiah his ſon.

17 ¶ And the ſons of Jeconiah; Aſſir, Salathiel his ſon,

18 Malchiram alſo, and Pedaiah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoſhama, and Nedabiah.

19 And the ſons of Pedaiah were, Zerubbabel, and Shimei: and the ſons of Zerubbabel; Meſhullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith their ſiſter;

20 And Haſhubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Haſadiah, Juſhab-heſed, five.

21 And the ſons of Hananiah; Pelatiah, and Jeſaiah: the ſons of Re-

phaiah, the ſons of Arnan, the ſons of Obadiah, the ſons of Shecaniah.

22 And the ſons of Shecaniah; Shemaiah: and the ſons of Shemaiah; Hattuſh, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, ſix.

23 And the ſons of Neariah; Elioenai, and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.

24 And the ſons of Elioenai were, Hodaiah, and Eliaſhib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiah, and Anani, ſeven.

CHAP. IV.

The poſterity of Judah by Caleb the ſon of Hur.

THE ſons of Judah; Pharez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal.

2 And Reaiah the ſon of Shobal begat Jahath; and Jahath begat Ahumai, and Lahad. Theſe are the families of the Zorathites.

3 And theſe were of the father of Etam: Jezreel, and Iſhma, and Idbaſh: and the name of their ſiſter was Hazelelponi.

4 And Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Huſhah. Theſe are the ſons of Hur, the firſt-born of Ephratah, the father of Beth-lehem.

5 ¶ And Aſhur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah.

6 And Naarah bare him Ahuzam, and Hepher, and Temeni, and Haahaſhtari. Theſe were the ſons of Naarah.

7 And the ſons of Helah were, Zereth, and Jezoar, and Ethnan.

8 And Coz begat Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel, the ſon of Harum.

9 ¶ And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, ſaying, Becauſe I bare him with ſorrow.

10 And Jabez called on the God of Iſrael, ſaying, Oh, that thou wouldeſt bleſs me indeed, and enlarge my coaſt, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldeſt keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requeſted.

11 ¶ And Chelub the brother of Shuah begat Mehir, which was the father of Eſhton.

12 And Eſhton begat Beth-rapha, and Paſeah, and Tehinnah the father of Irnahaſh: theſe are the men of Rechah.

13 And the ſons of Kenaz; Othniel, and Seraiah: and the ſons of Othniel; Hathath.

14 And Meonothai begat Ophrah: and Seraiah begat Joab, the father of the valley of Charaſhim; for they were craftſmen.

15 And the ſons of Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Naam: and the ſons of Elah, even Kenaz.

16 And the ſons of Jehaleleel: Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Aſareel.

17 And the ſons of Ezra were, Jether, and Mered, and Epher, and Jalon: and ſhe bare Miriam, and Shammai, and Iſhbah the father of Eſhtemoa.

Bleſs me indeed, ver. 10.] *i. e.* Suitably, and ſeaſonably; with ſpiritual and eternal bleſſings; in grace and glory.

18 And his wife Jehudijah bare Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And theſe are the ſons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, which Mered took.

19 And the ſons of his wife Hodiah, the ſiſter of Naham, the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eſhtemoa the Maachathite.

20 And the ſons of Shimon were Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the ſons of Iſhi were Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth.

21 ¶ The ſons of Shelah the ſon of Judah were, Er the father of Lekah, and Laadah the father of Mareſhah, and the families of the houſe of them that wrought fine linen, of the houſe of Aſhbea,

22 And Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joaſh, and Saraph, who had the dominion in Moab, and Jaſhubi-lehem. And theſe are ancient things.

23 Theſe were the potters, and thoſe that dwelt among plants and hedges: there they dwelt with the king for his work.

24 ¶ The ſons of Simeon were Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, and Shaul:

25 Shallum his ſon, Mibſam his ſon, Miſhma his ſon.

26 And the ſons of Miſhma; Hamuel his ſon, Zacchur his ſon, Shimei his ſon.

27 And Shimei had ſixteen ſons and ſix daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, like to the children of Judah.

28 And they dwelt at Beer-ſheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-ſhual,

29 And at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad,

30 And at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag,

31 And at Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-ſuſim, and at Beth-birei, and at Shaaraim: theſe were their cities, unto the reign of David.

32 And their villages were, Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Aſhan, five cities:

33 And all their villages that were round about the ſame cities unto Baal. Theſe were their habitations, and their genealogy.

34 And Meſhobab, and Jamlech, and Joſhah, the ſon of Amaziah,

35 And Joel, and Jehu the ſon of Joſibiah, the ſon of Seraiah the ſon of Aſiel,

36 And Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeſhohaiah, and Aſaiah, and Adiel, and Jeſimiel and Benaiah,

37 And Ziza the ſon of Shiphi, the ſon of Allon, the ſon of Jedaiah, the ſon of Shimri, the ſon of Shemaiah;

38 Theſe mentioned by their names, were princes in their families: and the houſe of their fathers increaſed greatly.

39 ¶ And they went to the entrance of Gedor, even unto the eaſt ſide of the valley, to ſeek paſture for their flocks.

40 And they found fat paſture and good, and the land was wide and quiet, and peaceable; for they of Ham had dwelt there of old.

Ancient things, ver. 22.] Thoſe bleſſed times and things, when our anceſtors had dominion over the heathen, are long ſince paſſed; and now their degenerate poſterity are ſlaves to them in Chaldea, Perſia, &c.

41 And theſe written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and ſmote their tents, and the habitations that were found there, and deſtroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their rooms; becauſe there was paſture there for their flocks.

42 And ſome of them, even of the ſons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel the ſons of Iſhi.

43 And they ſmote the reſt of the Amalekites, that were eſcaped, and dwelt there unto this day.

CHAP. V.

The line, and habitations of Reuben.

NOW the ſons of Reuben the firſt-born of Iſrael, (for he was the firſt-born; but foraſmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birth-right was given unto the ſons of Joſeph the ſon of Iſrael: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birth-right.

2 For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler: but the birth-right was Joſeph's:)

3 The ſons, I ſay, of Reuben the firſt-born of Iſrael were, Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

4 The ſons of Joel; Shemaiah his ſon, Gog his ſon, Shimei his ſon.

5 Micha his ſon, Reaia his ſon, Baal his ſon,

6 Beerah his ſon, whom Tilgathpilneſer king of Aſſyria carried away captive. He was prince of the Reubenites.

7 And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned, were the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah,

8 And Bela the ſon of Azaz, the ſon of Shema, the ſon of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, even unto Nebo, and Baalmeon:

9 And eaſt-ward he inhabited unto the entering-in of the wilderneſs from the river Euphrates: becauſe their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead.

10 And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand: and they dwelt in their tents throughout all the eaſt land of Gilead.

11 ¶ And the children of Gad dwelt over againſt them, in the land of Baſhan unto Salcah;

12 Joel the chief, and Shapham the next, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Baſhan.

13 And their brethen of the houſe of their fathers were, Michael, and Meſhullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, ſeven.

14 Theſe are the children of Abihail the ſon of Huri, the ſon of Jaroah, the ſon of Gilead, the ſon of Michael, the ſon of Jeſhiſhai, the ſon of Jahdo, the ſon of Buz;

15 Ahi the ſon of Abdiel, the ſon of Guni, chief of the houſe of their fathers.

16 And they dwelt in Gilead in Baſhan, and in her towns, and in all the ſuburbs of Sharon, upon their borders.

17 All theſe were reckoned by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Iſrael.

18 The ſons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manaſſeh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and ſword, and to ſhoot with bow, and ſkilful in war, were four and forty thouſand ſeven hundred and threeſcore, that went out to the war.

19 And they made war with the Hagarites, with Jetur, and Nephiſh, and Nodab.

20 And they were helped againſt them, and the Hargarites were delivered into their hand, and all that were with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and he was entreated of them, becauſe they put their truſt in him.

21 And they took away their cattle; of their camels fifty thouſand, and of ſheep two hundred and fifty thouſand, and of aſſes two thouſand, and of men an hundred thouſand.

22 For there fell down many ſlain, becauſe the war was of God. And they dwelt in their ſteads until the captivity.

23 And the children of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh dwelt in the land: they increaſed from Baſhan unto Baal-hermon and Senir, and unto mount Hermon.

24 And theſe were the heads of the houſe of their fathers, even Epher, and Iſhi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valour, famous men, and heads of the houſe of their fathers.

25 And they tranſgreſſed againſt the God of their fathers, and went a whoring after the gods of the people of the land, whom God deſtroyed before them.

26 And the God of Iſrael ſtirred up the ſpirit of Pul king of Aſſyria, and the ſpirit of Tilgath-pilneſer king of Aſſyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day.

CHAP. VI.

The ſons of Levi, &c.

THE ſons of Levi; Gerſhon, Kohath, and Merari.

2 And the ſons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

3 And the children of Amram; Aaron, and Moſes, and Miriam. The ſons alſo of Aaron; Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

4 ¶ Eleazar begat Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abiſhua,

5 And Abiſhua begat Bukki, and Bukki begat Uzzi,

6 And Uzzi begat Zerahiah, and Zerahiah begat Meraioth,

7 Meraioth begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,

8 And Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Ahimaaz,

9 And Ahimaaz, begat Azariah, and Azariah begat Johanan,

10 And Johanan begat Azariah, (he it is that executed the prieſt's office, in the temple that Solomon built in Jeruſalem:)

11 And Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,

12 And Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Shallum,

13 And Shallum begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begat Azariah,

14 And Azariah begat Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Jehozadak,

15 And Jehozadak went into captivity, when the Lord carried away Judah and Jeruſalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

16 The ſons of Levi; Gerſhom, Kohath, and Merari.

17 And theſe be the names of the ſons of Gerſhom; Libni and Shimei.

18 And the ſons of Kohath were, Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

19 The ſons of Merari; Mahli, and Muſhi. And theſe are the families of the Levites according to their fathers.

20 Of Gerſhom; Libni his ſon, Jahath his ſon, Zimmah his ſon,

21 Joah his ſon, Iddo his ſon, Zerah his ſon, Jeaterai his ſon.

22 The ſons of Kohath; Amminadab his ſon, Korah his ſon, Aſſir his ſon.

23 Elkanah his ſon, and Ebiaſaph his ſon, and Aſſir his ſon,

24 Tahath his ſon, Uriel his ſon, Uzziah his ſon, and Shaul his ſon.

25 And the ſons of Elkanah; Amaſai, and Ahimoth.

26 As for Elkanah: the ſons of Elkanah; Zophai his ſon, and Nahath his ſon,

27 Eliab his ſon, Jeroham his ſon, Elkanah his ſon.

28 And the ſons of Samuel; the firſt-born Vaſhni, and Abiah.

29 The ſons of Merari; Mahli, Libni his ſon, Shimei his ſon, Uzza his ſon.

30 Shimea his ſon, Haggiah his ſon, Aſaiah his ſon.

31 And theſe are they whom David ſet over the ſervice of ſong in the houſe of the Lord, after that the ark had reſt.

32 And they miniſtered before the dwelling-place of the tabernacle of the congregation with ſinging, until Solomon had built the houſe of the Lord in Jeruſalem: and then they waited on their office according to their order.

33 And theſe are they that waited with their children. Of the ſons of the Kohathites; Heman a ſinger, the ſon of Joel, the ſon of Shemuel,

34 The ſon of Elkanah, the ſon of Jeroham, the ſon of Eliel, the ſon of Toah,

35 The ſon of Zuph, the ſon of Elkanah, the ſon of Mahath, the ſon of Amaſai,

36 The ſon of Elkanah, the ſon of Joel, the ſon of Azariah, the ſon of Zephaniah,

37 The ſon of Tahath, the ſon of Aſſir, the ſon of Ebiaſaph, the ſon of Korah,

38 The ſon of Izhar, the ſon of Kohath, the ſon of Levi, the ſon of Iſrael.

Temple that Solomon built, ver. 10.] And not that which was built by Zerubbabel; whereby it appears that this book was written after the building of the ſecond temple.

39 And his brother Aſaph, who ſtood on his right hand, even Aſaph the ſon of Berachiah, the ſon of Shimea,

40 The ſon of Michael, the ſon of Baaſeiah, the ſon of Malchiah,

41 The ſon of Ethni, the ſon of Zerah, the ſon of Adaiah,

42 The ſon of Ethan, the ſon of Zimmah, the ſon of Shimei,

43 The ſon of Jahath, the ſon of Gerſhom, the ſon of Levi.

44 And their brethren the ſons of Merari ſtood on the left hand: Ethan the ſon of Kiſhi, the ſon of Abdi, the ſon of Malluch,

45 The ſon of Haſhabiah, the ſon of Amaziah, the ſon of Hilkiah,

46 The ſon of Amzi, the ſon of Bani, the ſon of Shamer,

47 The ſon of Mahli, the ſon of Muſhi, the ſon of Merari, the ſon of Levi.

48 Their brethren alſo the Levites were appointed unto all manner of ſervice of the tabernacle of the houſe of God.

49 ¶ But Aaron and his ſons offered upon the altar of the burnt-offering, and on the altar of incenſe, and were appointed for all the work of the place moſt holy, and to make an atonement for Iſrael according to all that Moſes the ſervant of God had commanded.

50 And theſe are the ſons of Aaron; Eleazar his ſon, Phinehas his ſon, Abiſhua his ſon,

51 Bukki his ſon, Uzzi his ſon, Zerahiah his ſon,

52 Meraioth his ſon, Amariah his ſon, Ahitub his ſon,

53 Zadok his ſon, Ahimaaz his ſon.

54 ¶ Now theſe are their dwelling-places throughout their caſtles in their coaſts of the ſons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites: for their's was the lot.

55 And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and the ſuburbs thereof round about it.

56 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh.

57 And to the ſons of Aaron they gave the cities of Judah, namely, Hebron, the city of refuge, and Libnah with her ſuburbs, and Jattir, and Eſhtemoa, with their ſuburbs,

58 And Hilen with her ſuburbs, Debir with her ſuburbs,

59 And Aſhan with her ſuburbs, and Beth-ſhemeſh with her ſuburbs:

60 And out of the tribe of Benjamin; Geba with her ſuburbs, and Alemeth with her ſuburbs, and Anathoth with her ſuburbs. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities.

61 And unto the ſons of Kohath, which were left of the family of that tribe, were cities given out of the half-tribe, namely, out of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, by lot, ten cities:

62 And to the ſons of Gerſhom, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Iſſachar, and out of the tribe of Aſher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manaſſeh, in Baſhan, thirteen cities.

63 Unto the ſons of Merari were given by lot throughout their families,

out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

64 And the children of Iſrael gave to the Levites theſe cities with their ſuburbs.

65 And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, theſe cities, which are called by their names.

66 And the reſidue of the families of the ſons of Kohath had cities of their coaſts out of the tribe of Ephraim.

67 And they gave unto them of the cities of refuge, Shechem in mount Ephraim with her ſuburbs; they gave alſo Gezer with her ſuburbs,

68 And Jokneam with her ſuburbs, and Beth-horon with her ſuburbs,

69 And Aijalon with her ſuburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her ſuburbs:

70 And out of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, Aner with her ſuburbs, and Bileam with her ſuburbs, for the family of the remnant of the ſons of Kohath.

71 Unto the ſons of Gerſhom were given out of the family of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, Golan in Baſhan with her ſuburbs, and Aſhtaroth with her ſuburbs:

72 And out of the tribe of Iſſachar; Kedeſh with her ſuburbs, Daberath with her ſuburbs,

73 And Ramoth with her ſuburbs, and Anem with her ſuburbs:

74 And out of the tribe of Aſher; Maſhal with her ſuburbs, and Abdon with her ſuburbs,

75 And Hukok with her ſuburbs, and Rehob with her ſuburbs:

76 And out of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedeſh in Galilee with her ſuburbs, and Hammon with her ſuburbs, and Kirjathaim with her ſuburbs.

77 Unto the reſt of the children of Merari were given out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon with her ſuburbs, Tabor with her ſuburbs:

78 And on the other ſide Jordan by Jericho on the eaſt ſide of Jordan, were given them out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderneſs with her ſuburbs, and Jahzah with her ſuburbs,

79 Kedemoth alſo with her ſuburbs, and Mephaath with her ſuburbs:

80 And out of the tribe of Gad; Ramoth in Gilead with her ſuburbs, and Mahanaim with her ſuburbs,

81 And Heſhbon with her ſuburbs, and Jazer with her ſuburbs.

CHAP. VII.

The ſons of Iſſachar, of Benjamin, &c.

NOW the ſons of Iſſachar were Tola, and Puah, Jaſhub, and Shimron, four.

2 And the ſons of Tola; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibſam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's houſe, to wit, of Tola: they were valiant men of might in their generations; whoſe number was in the days of David two and twenty thouſand and ſix hundred.

3 And the ſons of Uzzi; Izrahiah: and the ſons of Izrahiah; Michael, and

Obadiah, and Joel, Iſhiah, five: all of them chief men.

4 And with them by their generations, after the houſe of their fathers, were bands of ſoldiers for war, ſix and thirty thouſand men: for they had many wives and ſons.

5 And their brethren among all the families of Iſſachar were valiant men of might, reckoned in all, by their genealogies, fourſcore and ſeven thouſand.

6 ¶ The ſons of Benjamin; Bela, and Becher, and Jediael, three.

7 And the ſons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of the houſe of their fathers, mighty men of valour; and were reckoned by their genealogies twenty and two thouſand and thirty and four.

8 And the ſons of Becher; Zemira, and Joaſh, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alemeth. All theſe are the ſons of Becher.

9 And the number of them after their genealogy by their generations, heads of the houſe of their fathers, mighty men of valour, was twenty thouſand and two hundred.

10 The ſons alſo of Jediael; Bilhan: and the ſons of Bilhan; Jeuſh, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharſhiſh, and Ahiſhahar.

11 All theſe the ſons of Jediael, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valour, were ſeventeen thouſand and two hundred ſoldiers, fit to go out for war and battle.

12 Shuppim alſo, and Huppim, the children of Ir, and Huſhim, the ſons of Aher.

13 ¶ The ſons of Naphtali; Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum; the ſons of Bilhah.

14 ¶ The ſons of Manaſſeh; Aſhriel, whom ſhe bare; (but his concubine the Aramiteſs bare Machir the father of Gilead:

15 And Machir took to wife the ſiſter of Huppim, and Shuppim, whoſe ſiſter's name was Maachah;) and the name of the ſecond was Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters.

16 And Maachah the wife of Machir, bare a ſon, and ſhe called his name Pereſh; and the name of his brother was Shereſh; and his ſons were Ulam and Rakem.

17 And the ſons of Ulam: Bedan. Theſe were the ſons of Gilead, the ſon of Machir, the ſon of Manaſſeh.

18 And his ſiſter Hammoleketh bare Iſhod, and Abiezer, and Mahalah.

19 And the ſons of Shemidah were, Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

20 ¶ And the ſons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, and Bered his ſon, and Tahath his ſon, and Eladah his ſon, and Tahath his ſon,

21 And Zabad his ſon, and Shuthelah his ſon, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath that were born in that land ſlew, becauſe they came down to take away their cattle.

22 And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him.

23 And when he went in to his wife, ſhe conceived and bare a ſon, and he called his name Beriah, becauſe it went evil with his houſe.

24 (And his daughter was Sherah, who built Beth-horon the nether, and the upper, and Uzzen-ſherah.)

25 And Rephah was his ſon, alſo Reſheph, and Telah his ſon, and Tahan his ſon,

26 Laadan his ſon, Ammihud his ſon, Eliſhama his ſon,

27 Non his ſon, Jehoſhua his ſon.

28 And their poſſeſſions and habitations were Beth-el and the towns thereof, and eaſt-ward Naaran, and weſt-ward Gezer with the towns thereof, Shechem alſo and the towns thereof, unto Gaza and the towns thereof:

29 And by the borders of the children of Manaſſeh, Beth-ſhean and her towns, Taanach and her towns, Megiddo and her towns, Dor and her towns. In theſe dwelt the children of Joſeph the ſon of Iſrael.

30 The ſons of Aſher; Imnah, and Iſuah, and Iſhuai, and Beriah, and Serah their ſiſter.

31 And the ſons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel, who is the father of Birzavith.

32 And Heber begat Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their ſiſter.

33 And the ſons of Japhlet; Paſach, and Bimhal, and Aſhvath. Theſe are the children of Japhlet.

34 And the ſons of Shamer; Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.

35 And the ſons of his brother Helem; Zophah, and Imna, and Sheleſh, and Amal.

36 The ſons of Zophah; Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri and Imrah,

37 Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilſhah, and Ithran, and Beera.

38 And the ſons of Jether; Jephunneh, and Piſpah, and Ara.

39 And the ſons of Ulla; Arah, and Haniel, and Rezia.

40 All theſe were the children of Aſher, heads of their father's houſe, choice and mighty men of valour, chief of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were apt to the war and to battle, was twenty and ſix thouſand men.

CHAP. VIII.

The ſons and chief men of Benjamin.

NOW Benjamin begat Bela his firſtborn, Aſhbel the ſecond, and Aharah the third,

2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

3 And the ſons of Bela were, Addar, and Gera, and Abihud,

4 And Abiſhua, and Naaman, and Ahoah,

5 And Gera, and Shephuphan, and Huram.

6 And theſe are the ſons of Ehud: theſe are the heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Geba, and they removed them to Manahath:

7 And Naaman, and Ahiah, and Gera, he removed them, and begat Uzza, and Ahihud.

8 And Shaaraim begat children in the country of Moab, after he had ſent them away; Huſhim and Baara were his wives.

9 And he begat of Hodeſh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Meſha, and Malcham,

10 And Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirma. Theſe were his ſons, heads of the fathers.

11 And of Huſhim he begat Abitub, and Elpaal.

12 The ſons of Elpaal; Eber, and Miſham, and Shamed, who built Ono, and Lod with the towns thereof:

13 Beriah alſo, and Shema, who were heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who drove away the inhabitants of Gath:

14 And Ahio, Shaſhak, and Jeremoth,

15 And Zebadiah, and Arad and Adar,

16 And Michael, and Iſpah, and Joha, the ſons of Beriah;

17 And Zebadiah, and Meſhullam, and Hezeki, and Heber,

18 Iſhmerai alſo, and Jezliah, and Jobab, the ſons of Elpaal;

19 And Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi,

20 And Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel,

21 And Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the ſons of Shimhi;

22 And Iſhpan, and Heber, and Eliel,

23 And Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan,

24 And Hananiah, and Elam, and Antothijah,

25 And Iphedeiah, and Penuel, the ſons of Shaſhak;

26 And Shamſherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah,

27 And Jareſiah, and Eliah, and Zichri the ſons of Jeroham.

28 Theſe were heads of the fathers, by their generations, chief men. Theſe dwelt in Jeruſalem.

29 And at Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon; whoſe wife's name was Maachah:

30 And his firſt-born ſon Abdon, and Zur, and Kiſh, and Baal, and Nadab,

31 And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zacher.

32 And Mikloth begat Shimeah. And theſe alſo dwelt with their brethren in Jeruſalem over-againſt them.

33 ¶ And Ner begat Kiſh, and Kiſh begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-ſhua, and Abinadab, and Eſh-baal.

34 And the ſon of Jonathan was Merib-baal; and Merib-baal begat Micah.

35 And the ſons of Micah were, Pithon, and Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz.

36 And Ahaz begat Jehoadah; and Jehoadah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza.

37 And Moza begat Binea: Rapha was his ſon, Eleaſah his ſon, Azel his ſon:

38 And Azel had ſix ſons, whoſe names are theſe, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Iſhmael, and Shearíah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All theſe were the ſons of Azel.

39 And the ſons of Eſhek his brother were, Ulam his firſt-born, Jehuſh the ſecond, and Eliphelet the third.

40 And the ſons of Ulam were mighty men of valour, archers, and had many ſons, and ſons' ſons, an hundred and fifty. All theſe are of the ſons of Benjamin.

CHAP. IX.

The original of Iſrael's and Judah's genealogies, &c.

SO all Iſrael were reckoned by genealogies, and behold, they were written in the book of the kings of Iſrael and Judah, who were carried away to Babylon for their tranſgreſſion.

2 Now the firſt inhabitants that dwelt in their poſſeſſions in their cities were the Iſraelites, the prieſts, Levites, and the Nethinims.

3 And in Jeruſalem dwelt of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim and Manaſſeh;

4 Uthai the ſon of Ammihud, the ſon of Omri, the ſon of Imri, the ſon of Bani, of the children of Pharez the ſon of Judah.

5 And of the Shilonites; Aſaiah the firſt-born, and his ſons.

6 And of the ſons of Zerah; Jeuel, and their brethren, ſix hundred and ninety.

7 And of the ſons of Benjamin; Sallu the ſon of Meſhullam, the ſon of Hodaviah, the ſon of Haſenuah,

8 And Ibneiah the ſon of Jeroham, and Elah the ſon of Uzzi, the ſon of Michri, and Meſhullam the ſon of Shephatiah, the ſon of Reuel, the ſon of Ibnijah:

9 And their brethren according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and ſix. All theſe men were chief of the fathers in the houſe of their fathers.

10 And of the prieſts; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin,

11 And Azariah the ſon of Hilkiah, the ſon of Meſhullam, the ſon of Zadok, the ſon of Meraioth, the ſon of Ahitub, the ruler of the houſe of God;

12 And Adaiah the ſon of Jeroham, the ſon of Paſhur, the ſon of Malchijah, and Maaſiai the ſon of Adiel, the ſon of Jahzerah, the ſon of Meſhullam, the ſon of Meſhillemith, the ſon of Immer;

13 And their brethren, heads of the houſe of their fathers, a thouſand and ſeven hundred and threeſcore; very able men for the work of the ſervice of the houſe of God.

14 And of the Levites: Shemaiah the ſon of Haſhub, the ſon of Azrikam, the ſon of Haſhabiah, of the ſons of Merari;

15 And Bakbakkar, Hereſh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the ſon of Micah, the ſon of Zichri, the ſon of Aſaph:

16 And Obadiah the ſon of Shemaiah, the ſon of Galal, the ſon of Jeduthun and Berechiah the ſon of Aſa, the ſon

of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites.

17 And the porters were Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren: Shallum was the chief;

18 Who hitherto waited in the king's gate eaſt-ward; they were porters in the companies of the children of Levi.

19 And Shallum the ſon of Kore, the ſon of Ebiaſaph, the ſon of Korah, and his brethren, of the houſe of his father, the Korahites, were over the work of the ſervice, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle: and their fathers, being over the hoſt of the Lord, were keepers of the entry.

20 And Phinehas the ſon of Eleazar was the ruler over them in time paſt, and the Lord was with him.

21 And Zechariah the ſon of Meſhelemiah was porter of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 All theſe which were choſen to be porters in the gates were two hundred and twelve. Theſe were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages: whom David and Samuel the ſeer did ordain in their ſet office.

23 So they and their children had the overſight of the gates of the houſe of the Lord, namely, the houſe of the tabernacle, by wards.

24 In four quarters were the porters, toward the eaſt, weſt, north, and ſouth.

25 And their brethren, which were in their villages, were to come after ſeven days from time to time with them.

26 For theſe Levites, the four chief porters, were in their ſet office, and were over the chambers and treaſuries of the houſe of God.

27 ¶ And they lodged round about the houſe of God, becauſe the charge was upon them, and the opening thereof every morning pertained to them.

28 And certain of them had the charge of the miniſtring-veſſels that they ſhould bring them in and out by tale.

29 Some of them alſo were appointed to overſee the veſſels, and all the inſtruments of the ſanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincenſe, and the ſpices.

30 And ſome of the ſons of the prieſts made the ointment of the ſpices.

31 And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the firſt-born of Shallum the Korahite, had the ſet office over the things that were made in the pans.

32 And other of their brethren of the ſons of the Kohathites, were over the ſhew-bread, to prepare it every ſabbath.

33 And theſe are the ſingers, chief of the fathers of the Levites, who remaining in the chambers were free: for they were employed in that work day and night.

34 Theſe chief fathers of the Levites were chief throughout their generations: theſe dwelt at Jeruſalem.

35 ¶ And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jehiel, whoſe wife's name was Maachah:

Porters, &c. ver. 17.] Whoſe office it was to keep all the gates of the temple, that no unclean perſon or thing might enter into it.

36 And his firſt-born ſon Abdon, then Zur, and Kiſh, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab,

37 And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth.

38 And Mikloth begat Shimeam. And they alſo dwelt with their brethren at Jeruſalem over-againſt their brethren.

39 And Ner begat Kiſh, and Kiſh begat Saul: and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchiſhua, and Abinadab, and Eſhbaal.

40 And the ſon of Jonathan was Merib-baal: and Merib-baal begat Micah.

41 And the ſons of Micah were Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, and Ahaz.

42 And Ahaz begat Jarah; and Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza.

43 And Moza begat Binea: and Rephaiah his ſon, Eleaſah his ſon, Azel his ſon.

44 And Azel had ſix ſons, whoſe names are theſe, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Iſhmael, and Shearíah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: theſe were the ſons of Azel.

CHAP. X.

Saul's overthrow and death.

NOW the Philiſtines fought againſt Iſrael; and the men of Iſrael fled from before the Philiſtines, and fell down ſlain in mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philiſtines followed hard after Saul and after his ſons; and the Philiſtines ſlew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchi-ſhua, the ſons of Saul.

3 And the battle went ſore againſt Saul, and the archers hit him, and he was wounded of the archers.

4 Then ſaid Saul to his armour-bearer, Draw thy ſword, and thruſt me through therewith; leſt theſe uncircumciſed come, and abuſe me. But his armour-bearer would not; for he was ſore afraid. So Saul took a ſword, and fell upon it.

5 And when his armour-bearer ſaw that Saul was dead, he fell likewiſe on the ſword, and died.

6 So Saul died, and his three ſons, and all his houſe died together.

7 And when all the men of Iſrael that were in the valley ſaw that they fled, and that Saul and his ſons were dead, then they forſook their cities, and fled; and the Philiſtines came and dwelt in them.

8 ¶ And it came to paſs on the morrow, when the Philiſtines came to ſtrip the ſlain, that they found Saul and his ſons fallen in mount Gilboa.

9 And when they had ſtripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and ſent into the land of the Philiſtines round about to carry tidings unto their idols, and to the people.

10 And they put his armour in the houſe of their gods, and faſtened his head in the temple of Dagon.

11 ¶ And when all Jabeſh-gilead heard all that the Philiſtines had done to Saul,

12 They aroſe, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and

All his houſe, ver. 6.] All his children there preſent, and the greateſt part of his ſervants that attended him.

the bodies of his ſons, and brought them to Jabeſh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabeſh, and faſted ſeven days.

13 So Saul died for his tranſgreſſion which he committed againſt the Lord, even againſt the word of the Lord, which he kept not, and alſo for aſking counſel of one that had a familiar ſpirit, to enquire of it;

14 And enquired not of the Lord: therefore he ſlew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the ſon of Jeſſe.

CHAP. XI.

David made king, &c.

THEN all Iſrael gathered themſelves to David unto Hebron, ſaying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy fleſh.

2 And moreover in time paſt, even when Saul was king, thou waſt he that leddeſt out and broughteſt in Iſrael: and the Lord thy God ſaid unto thee, Thou ſhalt feed my people Iſrael, and thou ſhalt be ruler over my people Iſrael.

3 Therefore came all the elders of Iſrael to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the Lord; and they anointed David king over Iſrael, according to the word of the Lord by Samuel.

4 ¶ And David and all Iſrael went to Jeruſalem, which is Jebus; where the Jebuſites were, the inhabitants of the land.

5 And the inhabitants of Jebus ſaid to David, Thou ſhalt not come hither. Nevertheleſs, David took the caſtle of Zion, which is the city of David.

6 And David ſaid, whoſoever ſmiteth the Jebuſites firſt, ſhall be chief and captain. So Joab the ſon of Zeruiah went firſt up, and was chief.

7 And David dwelt in the caſtle; therefore they called it, The city of David.

8 And he built the city round about, even from Millo round about: and Joab repaired the reſt of the city.

9 So David waxed greater and greater: for the Lord of hoſts was with him.

10 ¶ Theſe alſo are the chief of the mighty men, whom David had, who ſtrengthened themſelves with him in his kingdom, and with all Iſrael, to make him king according to the word of the Lord concerning Iſrael.

11 And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had; Jaſhobeam an Hachmonite, the chief of the captains. He lifted up his ſpear againſt three hundred, ſlain by him at one time.

12 And after him was Eleazar the ſon of Dodo the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighties.

13 He was with David at Paſ-dammim, and there the Philiſtines were gathered together to battle, where was a parcel of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philiſtines.

14 And they ſet themſelves in the midſt of that parcel, and delivered it, and ſlew the Philiſtines; and the Lord ſaved them by a great deliverance.

15 Now three of the thirty captains went down to the rock to David, into

the cave of Adullam, and the hoſt of the Philiſtines encamped in the valley of Rephaim.

16 And David was then in the hold, and the Philiſtines' garriſon was then at Beth-lehem.

17 And David longed, and ſaid, Oh, that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem that is at the gate!

18 And the three brake through the hoſt of the Philiſtines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: but David would not drink of it, but poured it out to the Lord.

19 And ſaid, My God forbid it me, that I ſhould do this thing: ſhall I drink the blood of theſe men that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with the jeopardy of their lives they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it. Theſe things did theſe three mightieſt.

20 And Abiſhai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three; for lifting up his ſpear againſt three hundred, he ſlew them, and had a name among the three.

21 Of the three he was more honourable than the two; for he was their captain; howbeit he attained not to the firſt three.

22 Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, the ſon of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done many acts: he ſlew two lion-like men of Moab; alſo he went down and ſlew a lion in a pit in a ſnowy day.

23 And he ſlew an Egyptian, a man of great ſtature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand was a ſpear, like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a ſtaff, and plucked the ſpear out of the Egyptian's hand, and ſlew him with his own ſpear.

24 Theſe things did Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, and had a name among the three mighties.

25 Behold, he was honourable among the thirty, but attained not to the firſt three. And David ſet him over his guard.

26 Alſo the valiant men of the armies were Aſahel, the brother of Joab, Elhanan the ſon of Dodo of Beth-lehem,

27 Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite,

28 Ira the ſon of Ikkeſh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Antothite,

29 Sibbecai the Huſhathite, Ilai the Ahohite,

30 Maharai, the Netophathite, Heled the ſon of Baanah the Netophathite,

31 Ithai the ſon of Ribai of Gibeah that pertained to the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,

32 Hurai of the brooks of Gaaſh, Abiel the Arbathite,

33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite,

34 The ſons of Haſhem the Gizonite, Jonathan the ſon of Shage the Hararite,

35 Ahiam the ſon of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal the ſon of Ur,

36 Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,

37 Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the ſon of Ezbai,

38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the ſon of Haggeri,

39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armour-bearer of Joab the ſon of Zeruiah,

40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the ſon of Ahlai,

42 Adina the ſon of Shiza the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,

43 Hanan the ſon of Maachah, and Joſhaphat the Mithnite,

44 Uzzia the Aſhterathite, Shama and Jehiel the ſons of Hothan the Aroerite,

45 Jediael the ſon of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite,

46 Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joſhaviah, the ſons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite,

47 Eliel, and Obed, and Jaſiel the Meſobaite.

CHAP. XII.

The companies that came to David at Ziklag, &c.

NOW theſe are they that came to David to Ziklag, while he yet kept himſelf cloſe becauſe of Saul the ſon of Kiſh: and they were among the mighty men, helpers of the war.

2 They were armed with bows, and could uſe both the right hand and the left in hurling ſtones, and ſhooting arrows out of a bow, even of Saul's brethren, of Benjamin.

3 The chief was Ahiezer, then Joaſh, the ſons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the ſons of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Antothite,

4 And Iſmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahazael, and Johanan, and Joſabad the Gederathite,

5 Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite,

6 Elkanah, and Jeſiah, and Azareel, and Joezer and Jaſhobeam, the Korhites,

7 And Joelah, and Zebadiah, the ſons of Jeroham of Gedor.

8 And of the Gadites there ſeparated themſelves unto David into the hold of the wilderneſs men of might, and men of war fit for the battle, that could handle ſhield and buckler, whoſe faces were like the faces of lions, and were as ſwift as the roes upon the mountains;

9 Ezer the firſt, Obadiah the ſecond, Eliab the third,

10 Miſhmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,

11 Attai the ſixth, Eliel the ſeventh,

12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,

13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh.

14 Theſe were of the ſons of Gad, captains of the hoſt: one of the leaſt was over an hundred, and the greateſt over a thouſand.

15 Theſe are they that went over Jordan in the firſt month, when it had

overflown all his banks; and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the eaſt, and toward the weſt.

16 And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto David.

17 And David went out to meet them, and anſwered and ſaid unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart ſhall be knit unto you: but if ye be come to betray me to mine enemies, ſeeing there is no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it.

18 Then the ſpirit came upon Amaſai, who was chief of the captains, and he ſaid, Thine are we, David, and on thy ſide, thou ſon of Jeſſe: peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

19 And there fell ſome of Manaſſeh to David when he came to the Philiſtines againſt Saul to battle. But they helped them not: for the lords of the Philiſtines, upon adviſement, ſent him away, ſaying, He will fall to his maſter Saul, to the jeopardy of our heads.

20 As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manaſſeh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of the thouſands that were of Manaſſeh.

21 And they helped David againſt the band of the rovers: for they were all mighty men of valour, and were captains in the hoſt.

22 For at that time, day by day, there came to David to help him, until it was a great hoſt, like the hoſt of God.

23 ¶ And theſe are the numbers of the bands that were ready armed to the war, and came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the Lord.

24 The children of Judah, that bare ſhield and ſpear, were ſix thouſand and eight hundred ready armed to the war:

25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, ſeven thouſand and one hundred.

26 Of the children of Levi, four thouſand and ſix hundred.

27 And Jehoiada was the leader of the Haronites, and with him were three thouſand and ſeven hundred.

28 And Zadok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his father's houſe twenty and two captains.

29 And of the children of Benjamin, the kindred of Saul, three thouſand: for hitherto the greateſt part of them had kept the ward of the houſe for Saul.

30 And of the children of Ephraim twenty thouſand and eight hundred mighty men of valour, famous throughout the houſe of their fathers.

31 And of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, eighteen thouſand, which were expreſſed by name to come and make David king.

32 And of the children of Iſſachar, which were men that had underſtanding of the times, to know what Iſrael ought to do: the heads of them were two hundred, and all their brethren were at their commandment.

The ſpirit came upon Amaſai, ver. 18.] The Spirit of God, who moved him to anſwer as he did.

33 Of Zebulun, ſuch as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all inſtruments of war, fifty thouſand which could keep rank: they were not of double heart.

34 And of Naphtali, a thouſand captains, and with them with ſhield and ſpear thirty and ſeven thouſand.

35 And of the Danites expert in war, twenty and eight thouſand and ſix hundred.

36 And of Aſher, ſuch as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thouſand.

37 And on the other ſide of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, with all manner of inſtruments of war for the battle, an hundred and twenty thouſand.

38 All theſe men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Iſrael: and all the reſt alſo of Iſrael were of one heart to make David king.

39 And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them.

40 Moreover, they that were nigh them, even unto Iſſachar, and Zebulun, and Naphtali, brought bread on aſſes, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, and meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raiſins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and ſheep abundantly; for there was joy in Iſrael.

CHAP. XIII.

David fetcheth the ark from Kirjath-jearim.

AND David conſulted with the captains of thouſands and hundreds, and with every leader.

2 And David ſaid unto all the congregation of Iſrael, If it ſeem good unto you, and that it be of the Lord our God, let us ſend abroad unto our brethren every where that are left in all the land of Iſrael, and with them alſo to the prieſts and Levites which are in their cities and ſuburbs, that they may gather themſelves unto us.

3 And let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we enquired not at it in the days of Saul.

4 And all the congregation ſaid that they would do ſo: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

5 So David gathered all Iſrael together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entering of Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim.

6 And David went up, and all Iſrael, to Baalah, that is, to Kirjath-jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the Lord that dwelleth between the cherubims, whoſe name is called on it.

7 And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the houſe of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart.

8 And David and all Iſrael played before God with all their might, and with ſinging, and with harps, and with pſalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

9 ¶ And when they came unto the threſhing-floor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen ſtumbled.

10 And the anger of the Lord was kindled againſt Uzza, and he ſmote

him, becauſe he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God.

11 And David was diſpleaſed becauſe the Lord had made a breach upon Uzza: wherefore that place is called Perez-uzza to this day.

12 And David was afraid of God that day, ſaying, How ſhall I bring the ark of God home to me?

13 So David brought not the ark home to himſelf to the city of David, but carried it aſide into the houſe of Obed-edom the Gittite.

14 And the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his houſe three months. And the Lord bleſſed the houſe of Obed-edom, and all that he had.

CHAP. XIV.

Hiram's kindneſs to David, &c.

NOW Hiram king of Tyre ſent meſſengers to David, and timber of cedars, with maſons and carpenters, to build him an houſe.

2 And David perceived that the Lord had confirmed him king over Iſrael: for his kingdom was lifted up on high becauſe of his people Iſrael.

3 And David took more wives at Jeruſalem: and David begat more ſons and daughters.

4 Now theſe are the names of his children which he had in Jeruſalem; Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon,

5 And Ibhar, and Eliſhua, and Elpalet,

6 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

7 And Eliſhama, and Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

8 ¶ And when the Philiſtines heard that David was anointed king over all Iſrael, all the Philiſtines went up to ſeek David: and David heard of it, and went out againſt them.

9 And the Philiſtines came and ſpread themſelves in the valley of Rephaim.

10 And David enquired of God, ſaying, Shall I go up againſt the Philiſtines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the Lord ſaid unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand.

11 So they came up to Baal-perazim, and David ſmote them there. Then David ſaid, God hath broken in upon mine enemies, by mine hand, like the breaking forth of waters; therefore they called the name of that place Baal-perazim.

12 And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire.

13 And the Philiſtines yet again ſpread themſelves abroad in the valley.

14 Therefore David enquired again of God: and God ſaid unto him, Go not up after them: turn away from them, and come upon them over-againſt the mulberry-trees.

15 And it ſhall be, when thou ſhalt hear a ſound of going in the tops of the mulberry-trees, that then thou ſhalt go

out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to ſmite the hoſt of the Philiſtines.

16 David therefore did as God commanded him: and they ſmote the hoſt of the Philiſtines from Gibeon even to Gazer.

17 And the fame of David went out into all lands: and the Lord brought the fear of him upon all nations.

CHAP. XV.

David's order about bringing the ark from Obed-edom.

AND David made him houſes in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent.

2 Then David ſaid, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the Lord choſen to carry the ark of God, and to miniſter unto him for ever.

3 And David gathered all Iſrael together to Jeruſalem to bring up the ark of the Lord unto his place which he had prepared for it.

4 And David aſſembled the children of Aaron, and the Levites:

5 Of the ſons of Kohath; Uriel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twenty.

6 Of the ſons of Merari; Aſaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty.

7 Of the ſons of Gerſhom; Joel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and thirty.

8 Of the ſons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred.

9 Of the ſons of Hebron; Eliel the chief, and his brethren fourſcore.

10 Of the ſons of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twelve.

11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the prieſts, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Aſaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab,

12 And ſaid unto them, Ye are the chief of the fathers of the Levites: ſanctify yourſelves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the Lord God of Iſrael unto the place that I have prepared for it.

13 For becauſe ye did it not at the firſt, the Lord our God made a breach upon us, for that we ſought him not after the due order.

14 So the prieſts and the Levites ſanctified themſelves to bring up the ark of the Lord God of Iſrael.

15 And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their ſhoulders, with the ſtaves thereon, as Moſes commanded, according to the word of the Lord.

16 And David ſpake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the ſingers with inſtruments of muſic, pſalteries, and harps, and cymbals ſounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

17 So the Levites appointed Heman the ſon of Joel: and of his brethren Aſaph the ſon of Berechiah; and of the ſons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the ſon of Kuſhaiah:

18 And with them their brethren of the ſecond degree, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaſeiah, and Mattithiah, and Eliphe-leh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel the porters.

19 So the ſingers, Heman, Aſaph, and Ethan, were appointed to ſound with cymbals of braſs;

20 And Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaſeiah, and Benaiah, with pſalteries on Alamoth;

21 And Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps on the Sheminith to excel.

22 And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was for ſong: he inſtructed about the ſong, becauſe he was ſkilful.

23 And Berechiah and Elkanah were door-keepers for the ark.

24 And Shebaniah and Jehoſhaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amaſai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer the prieſts, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah were door-keepers for the ark.

25 ¶ So David, and the elders of Iſrael, and the captains over thouſands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the houſe of Obed-edom with joy.

26 And it came to paſs, when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord, that they offered ſeven bullocks and ſeven rams.

27 And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the ſingers, and Chenaniah the maſter of the ſong, with the ſingers: David alſo had upon him an ephod of linen.

28 Thus all Iſrael brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with ſhouting, and with ſound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noiſe with pſalteries and harps.

29 ¶ And it came to paſs, as the ark of the covenant of the Lord came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul, looking out at a window, ſaw king David dancing and playing: and ſhe deſpiſed him in her heart.

CHAP. XVI.

David's feſtival ſacrifice, &c.

SO they brought the ark of God, and ſet it in the midſt of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt-ſacrifices and peace-offerings before God.

2 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt-offerings and the peace-offerings, he bleſſed the people in the name of the Lord.

3 And he dealt to every one of Iſrael, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of fleſh, and a flagon of wine.

4 ¶ And he appointed certain of the Levites to miniſter before the ark of the Lord, and to record, and to thank, and praiſe the Lord God of Iſrael:

God helped the Levites, ver. 26.] Did not cut them off, (as before) but encouraged them in their work with ſome comfortable ſign of his approbation.

5 Aſaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom: and Jeiel with pſalteries, and with harps; but Aſaph made a ſound with cymbals;

6 Benaiah alſo, and Jahaziel, the prieſts, with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

7 ¶ Then on that day David delivered firſt this pſalm, to thank the Lord, into the hand of Aſaph and his brethren.

8 Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

9 Sing unto him, ſing pſalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works.

10 Glory ye in his holy name; let the heart of them rejoice that ſeek the Lord.

11 Seek the Lord and his ſtrength, ſeek his face continually.

12 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth;

13 O ye ſeed of Iſrael his ſervant, ye children of Jacob his choſen ones.

14 He is the Lord our God; his judgements are in all the earth.

15 Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word which he commanded to a thouſand generations;

16 Even of the covenant which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Iſaac;

17 And hath confirmed the ſame to Jacob for a law, and to Iſrael for an everlaſting covenant,

18 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance;

19 When ye were but few, even a few, and ſtrangers in it;

20 And when they went from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people;

21 He ſuffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their ſakes,

22 Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

23 Sing unto the Lord, all the earth; ſhew forth from day to day his ſalvation.

24 Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations.

25 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praiſed; he alſo is to be feared above all gods.

26 For all the gods of the people are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.

27 Glory and honour are in his preſence: ſtrength and gladneſs are in his place.

28 Give unto the Lord, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and ſtrength.

29 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worſhip the Lord in the beauty of holineſs.

30 Fear before him, all the earth: the world alſo ſhall be ſtable, that it be not moved.

31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men

Delivered firſt this pſalm, ver. 7.] This was the firſt pſalm that David delivered to them; but he afterwards preſented many others.

ſay among the nations, The Lord reigneth.

32 Let the ſea roar, and the fulneſs thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein.

33 Then ſhall the trees of the wood ſing out at the preſence of the Lord, becauſe he cometh to judge the earth.

34 O Give thanks unto the Lord; for he is gqod: for his mercy endureth for ever.

35 And ſay ye, Save us, O God of our ſalvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praiſe.

36 Bleſſed be the Lord God of Iſrael for ever and ever. And all the people ſaid, Amen, and praiſed the Lord.

37 So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the Lord Aſaph and his brethren, to miniſter before the ark continually, as every day's work required:

38 And Obed-edom, with their brethren, threeſcore and eight; Obed-edom alſo the ſon of Jeduthun, and Hoſah, to be porters:

39 And Zadok the prieſt and his brethren the prieſts before the tabernacle of the Lord, in the high place that was at Gibeon,

40 To offer burnt-offerings unto the Lord upon the altar of the burnt-offering continually, morning and evening, and to do according to all that is written in the law of the Lord, which he commanded Iſrael;

41 And with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the reſt that were choſen, who were expreſſed by name, to give thanks to the Lord, becauſe his mercy endureth for ever;

42 And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals, for thoſe that ſhould make a ſound, and with muſical inſtruments of God. And the ſons of Jeduthun were porters.

43 And all the people departed every man to his houſe: and David returned to bleſs his houſe.

CHAP. XVII.

David forbidden to build God an houſe.

NOW it came to paſs, as David ſat in his houſe, that David ſaid to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an houſe of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the Lord remaineth under curtains.

2 Then Nathan ſaid unto David, Do all that is in thine heart; for God is with thee.

3 ¶ And it came to paſs the ſame night that the word of God came to Nathan, ſaying,

4 Go, and tell David my ſervant, Thus ſaith the Lord, Thou ſhalt not build me an houſe to dwell in:

5 For I have not dwelt in an houſe ſince the day that I brought up Iſrael unto this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another.

6 Whereſoever I have walked with all Iſrael, ſpake I a word to any of the judges of Iſrael whom I commanded to feed my people, ſaying, Why have ye not built me an houſe of cedars?

Returned to bleſs his houſe, ver. 43.] To pray for his family, and to ſettle good order among them.

7 Now therefore thus ſhalt thou ſay unto my ſervant David, Thus ſaith the Lord of hoſts, I took thee from the ſheep-cote, even from following the ſheep, that thou ſhouldeſt be ruler over my people Iſrael:

8 And I have been with thee whitherſoever thou haſt walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that are in the earth.

9 Alſo I will ordain a place for my people Iſrael, and will plant them, and they ſhall dwell in their place, and ſhall be moved no more; neither ſhall the children of wickedneſs waſte them any more as at the beginning,

10 And ſince the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Iſrael: moreover, I will ſubdue all thine enemies. Furthermore, I tell thee that the Lord will build thee an houſe.

11 ¶ And it ſhall come to paſs, when thy days be expired that thou muſt go to be with thy fathers, that I will raiſe up thy ſeed after thee, which ſhall be of thy ſons, and I will eſtabliſh his kingdom.

12 He ſhall build me an houſe, and I will eſtabliſh his throne for ever.

13 I will be his father, and he ſhall be my ſon: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee:

14 But I will ſettle him in mine houſe and in my kingdom for ever; and his throne ſhall be eſtabliſhed for evermore.

15 According to all theſe words, and according to all this viſion, ſo did Nathan ſpeak unto David.

16 ¶ And David the king came, and ſat before the Lord, and ſaid, Who am I, O Lord God, and what is mine houſe, that thou haſt brought me hitherto?

17 And yet this was a ſmall thing in thine eyes, O God: for thou haſt alſo ſpoken of thy ſervant's houſe for a great while to come, and haſt regarded me according to the eſtate of a man of high degree, O Lord God.

18 What can David ſpeak more to thee for the honour of thy ſervant? for thou knoweſt thy ſervant.

19 O Lord, for thy ſervant's ſake, and according to thine own heart haſt thou done all this greatneſs, in making known all theſe great things.

20 O Lord, there is none like thee, neither is there any God beſide thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

21 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people Iſrael, whom God went to redeem to be his own people, to make thee a name of greatneſs, and terribleneſs, by driving out nations from before thy people whom thou haſt redeemed out of Egypt?

22 For thy people Iſrael didſt thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, Lord, becameſt their God;

23 Therefore now, Lord, let the thing that thou haſt ſpoken concerning thy ſervant, and concerning his houſe, be eſtabliſhed for ever, and do as thou haſt ſaid.

24 Let it even be eſtabliſhed, that thy name may be magnified for ever, ſaying, The Lord of hoſts is the God of Iſrael,

even a God to Iſrael: and let the houſe of David thy ſervant be eſtabliſhed before thee.

25 For thou, O my God, haſt told thy ſervant, that thou wilt build him an houſe: therefore thy ſervant hath found in his heart to pray before thee.

26 And now, Lord, thou art God, and haſt promiſed this goodneſs unto thy ſervant.

27 Now therefore let it pleaſe thee to bleſs the houſe of thy ſervant, that it may be before thee for ever: for thou bleſſeſt, O Lord, and it ſhall be bleſſed for ever.

CHAP. XVIII.

David ſubdueth the Philiſtines and the Moabites.

NOW after this it came to paſs that David ſmote the Philiſtines, and ſubdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philiſtines.

2 And he ſmote Moab; and the Moabites became David's ſervants, and brought gifts.

3 ¶ And David ſmote Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to eſtabliſh his dominion by the river Euphrates.

4 And David took from him a thouſand chariots, and ſeven thouſand horſemen, and twenty thouſand footmen: David alſo houghed all the chariot-horſes, but reſerved of them an hundred chariots.

5 And when the Syrians of Damaſcus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David ſlew of the Syrians two and twenty thouſand men.

6 Then David put garriſons in Syria-damaſcus, and the Syrians became David's ſervants, and brought gifts. Thus the Lord preſerved David whitherſoever he went.

7 And David took the ſhields of gold that were on the ſervants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jeruſalem.

8 Likewiſe from Tibhath, and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, brought David very much braſs, wherewith Solomon made the brazen ſea, and the pillars, and the veſſels of braſs.

9 Now when Tou king of Hamath heard how David had ſmitten all the hoſt of Hadarezer king of Zobah;

10 He ſent Hadoram his ſon to king David, to enquire of his welfare, and to congratulate him, becauſe he had fought againſt Hadarezer, and ſmitten him; for Hadarezer had warred with Tou; and with him all manner of veſſels of gold, and ſilver, and braſs.

11 Them alſo king David dedicated unto the Lord, with the ſilver and the gold that he brought from all thoſe nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philiſtines, and from Amalek.

12 Moreover, Abiſhai the ſon of Zeruiah ſlew of the Edomites, in the valley of ſalt, eighteen thouſand.

13 And he put garriſons in Edom: and all the Edomites became David's

ſervants. Thus the Lord preſerved David whitherſoever he went.

14 So David reigned over all Iſrael, and executed judgement and juſtice, among all his people.

15 And Joab the ſon of Zeruiah was over the hoſt; and Jehoſhaphat the ſon of Ahilud was recorder;

16 And Zadok the ſon of Ahitub, and Abimelech the ſon of Abiathar, were the prieſts; and Shavſha was ſcribe;

17 And Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the ſons of David were chief about the king.

CHAP. XIX.

David's meſſengers ſent to comfort Hanun are villainouſly intreated.

NOW it came to paſs after this that Nahaſh the king of the children of Ammon died, and his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

2 And David ſaid, I will ſhew kindneſs unto Hanun the ſon of Nahaſh, becauſe his father ſhewed kindneſs to me. And David ſent meſſengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the ſervants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon, to Hanun, to comfort him.

3 But the princes of the children of Ammon ſaid to Hanun, Thinkeſt thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath ſent comforters unto thee? Are not his ſervants come unto thee for to ſearch, and to overthrow, and to ſpy out the land?

4 Wherefore Hanun took David's ſervants, and ſhaved them, and cut off their garments in the midſt, hard by their buttocks, and ſent them away.

5 Then there went certain, and told David how the men were ſerved. And he ſent to meet them: for the men were greatly aſhamed. And the king ſaid, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.

6 ¶ And when the children of Ammon ſaw that they had made themſelves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon ſent a thouſand talents of ſilver to hire them chariots and horſemen out of Meſopotamia, and out of Syria-maachah, and out of Zobah.

7 So they hired thirty and two thouſand chariots, and the king of Maachah and his people; who came and pitched before Medeba: and the children of Ammon gathered themſelves together from their cities, and came to battle.

8 And when David heard of it, he ſent Joab, and all the hoſt of the mighty men.

9 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array before the gate of the city: and the kings that were come were by themſelves in the field.

10 Now when Joab ſaw that the battle was ſet againſt him before and behind, he choſe out of all the choice of Iſrael, and put them in array againſt the Syrians.

11 And the reſt of the people he delivered unto the hand of Abiſhai his brother, and they ſet themſelves in array againſt the children of Ammon.

12 And he ſaid, If the Syrians be too ſtrong for me, then thou ſhalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too ſtrong for thee, then I will help thee.

13 Be of good courage, and let us behave ourſelves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the Lord do that which is good in his ſight.

14 So Joab and the people that were with him drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battle; and they fled before him.

15 And when the children of Ammon ſaw that the Syrians were fled, they likewiſe fled before Abiſhai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jeruſalem.

16 And when the Syrians ſaw that they were put to the worſe before Iſrael, they ſent meſſengers, and drew forth the Syrians that were beyond the river: and Shophach the captain of the hoſt of Hadarezer went before them.

17 And it was told David; and he gathered all Iſrael, and paſſed over Jordan, and came upon them, and ſet the battle in array againſt them. So when David had put the battle in array againſt the Syrians, they fought with him.

18 But the Syrians fled before Iſrael; and David ſlew of the Syrians ſeven thouſand men which fought in chariots, and forty thouſand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the hoſt.

19 And when the ſervants of Hadarezer ſaw that they were put to the worſe before Iſrael they made peace with David, and became his ſervants: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

CHAP. XX.

Rabbah is beſieged by Joab, &c.

AND it came to paſs, that after the year was expired, at the time that kings go out to battle, Joab led forth the power of the army, and waſted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and beſieged Rabbah: but David tarried at Jeruſalem: and Joab ſmote Rabbah, and deſtroyed it.

2 And David took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious ſtones in it; and it was ſet upon David's head: and he brought alſo exceeding much ſpoil out of the city.

3 And he brought out the people that were in it, and cut them with ſaws and with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even ſo dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jeruſalem.

4 ¶ And it came to paſs after this that there aroſe war at Gezer with the Philiſtines, at which time Sibbechai the Huſhathite ſlew Sippai that was of the children of the giant: and they were ſubdued.

5 And there was war again with the Philiſtines; and Elhanan the ſon of Jair ſlew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whoſe ſpear-ſtaff was like a weaver's beam.

6 And yet again there was war at Gath, where was a man of great ſtature, whoſe fingers and toes were four and twenty, ſix on each hand, and ſix on each foot: and he alſo was the ſon of the giant.

7 But when he defied Iſrael, Jonathan the ſon of Shimea, David's brother, ſlew him.

8 Theſe were born unto the giant in Gath: and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his ſervants.

CHAP. XXI.

David numbereth the people.

AND Satan ſtood up againſt Iſrael, and provoked David to number Iſrael.

2 And David ſaid to Joab, and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Iſrael from Beer-ſheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know it.

3 And Joab anſwered, The Lord make his people an hundred times ſo many more as they be: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's ſervants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cauſe of treſpaſs to Iſrael?

4 Nevertheleſs, the king's word prevailed againſt Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Iſrael, and came to Jeruſalem.

5 And Joab gave the ſum of the number of the people unto David. And all they of Iſrael were a thouſand thouſand and an hundred thouſand men that drew ſword: and Judah was four hundred threeſcore and ten thouſand men that drew ſword.

6 But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

7 And God was diſpleaſed with this thing; therefore he ſmote Iſrael.

8 ¶ And David ſaid unto God, I have ſinned greatly, becauſe I have done this thing: but now, I beſeech thee, do away the iniquity of thy ſervant; for I have done very fooliſhly.

9 ¶ And the Lord ſpake unto Gad, David's ſeer, ſaying,

10 Go, and tell David, ſaying, Thus ſaith the Lord, I offer thee three things: chooſe thee one of them that I may do it unto thee.

11 So Gad came to David, and ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith the Lord, Chooſe thee

12 Either three years famine; or three months to be deſtroyed before thy foes, while that the ſword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or elſe three days the ſword of the Lord, even the peſtilence in the land, and the angel of the Lord deſtroying throughout all the coaſts of Iſrael. Now therefore adviſe thyſelf what word I ſhall bring again to him that ſent me.

13 And David ſaid unto Gad, I am in a great ſtrait: let me fall now into the hand of the Lord; for very great are his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man.

14 So the Lord ſent peſtilence upon Iſrael; and there fell of Iſrael ſeventy thouſand men.

Go number Iſrael, ver. 2.] This was without any neceſſity or good occaſion; but only out of vain glory, oſtentation, pride, and carnal confidence.

15 And God ſent an angel unto Jeruſalem to deſtroy it: and as he was deſtroying, the Lord beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and ſaid to the angel that deſtroyed it, It is enough, ſtay now thine hand. And the angel of the Lord ſtood by the threſhing-floor of Ornan the Jebuſite.

16 And David lifted up his eyes, and ſaw the angel of the Lord ſtand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn ſword in his hand ſtretched out over Jeruſalem. Then David and the elders of Iſrael, who were clothed in ſackcloth, fell upon their faces.

17 And David ſaid unto God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have ſinned and done evil indeed; but as for theſe ſheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O Lord my God, be on me, and on my father's houſe; but not on thy people, that they ſhould be plagued.

18 Then the angel of the Lord commanded Gad to ſay to David, that David ſhould go up and ſet up an altar unto the Lord in the threſhing-floor of Ornan the Jebuſite.

19 And David went up at the ſaying of Gad, which he ſpake in the name of the Lord.

20 And Ornan turned back, and ſaw the angel; and his four ſons with him hid themſelves. Now Ornan was threſhing wheat.

21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and ſaw David, and went out of the threſhing-floor, and bowed himſelf to David with his face to the ground.

22 Then David ſaid to Ornan, Grant me the place of this threſhing-floor, that I may build an altar therein unto the Lord: thou ſhalt grant it me for the full price; that the plague may be ſtayed from the people.

23 And Ornan ſaid unto David, Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes: lo, I give thee the oxen alſo for burnt-offerings, and the threſhing-inſtruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat-offering; I give it all.

24 And king David ſaid to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the Lord, nor offer burnt-offerings without coſt.

25 So David gave to Ornan for the place ſix hundred ſhekels of gold by weight.

26 And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt-offerings, and peace-offerings, and called upon the Lord; and he anſwered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt-offering.

27 And the Lord commanded the angel; and he put up his ſword again into the ſheath thereof.

28 At that time, when David ſaw that the Lord had anſwered him in the threſhing-floor of Ornan the Jebuſite, then he ſacrificed there.

29 For the tabernacle of the Lord which Moſes made in the wilderneſs, and the altar of the burnt-offering were at that ſeaſon in the high place at Gibeon.

30 But David could not go before it to enquire of God: for he was afraid, becauſe of the ſword of the angel of the Lord.

CHAP. XXII.

David prepareth for the building of the temple: he inſtructeth Solomon.

THEN David ſaid, This is the houſe of the Lord God, and this is the altar of the burnt-offering for Iſrael.

2 And David commanded to gather together the ſtrangers that were in the land of Iſrael; and he ſet maſons to hew wrought ſtones to build the houſe of God.

3 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates; and for the joinings; and braſs in abundance without weight.

4 Alſo cedar-trees in abundance: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar-wood to David.

5 And David ſaid, Solomon my ſon is young and tender, and the houſe that is to be builded for the Lord muſt be exceeding magnifical, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

6 ¶ Then he called for Solomon his ſon, and charged him to build an houſe for the Lord God of Iſrael.

7 And David ſaid to Solomon, My ſon, as for me, it was in my mind to build an houſe unto the name of the Lord my God:

8 But the word of the Lord came to me, ſaying, Thou haſt ſhed blood abundantly, and haſt made great wars: thou ſhalt not build an houſe unto my name, becauſe thou haſt ſhed much blood upon the earth in my ſight.

9 Behold, a ſon ſhall be born to thee, who ſhall be a man of reſt; and I will give him reſt from all his enemies round about: for his name ſhall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietneſs unto Iſrael in his days.

10 He ſhall build an houſe for my name; and he ſhall be my ſon, and I will be his father; and I will eſtabliſh the throne of his kingdom over Iſrael for ever.

11 Now, my ſon, the Lord be with thee; and proſper thou, and build the houſe of the Lord thy God, as he hath ſaid of thee.

12 Only the Lord give thee wiſdom and underſtanding, and give thee charge concerning Iſrael, that thou mayeſt keep the law of the Lord thy God.

13 Then ſhalt thou proſper, if thou takeſt heed to fulfil the ſtatutes and judgements which the Lord charged Moſes with concerning Iſrael. Be ſtrong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be diſmayed,

14 Now behold, in my trouble, I have prepared for the houſe of the Lord an hundred thouſand talents of gold, and a thouſand thouſand talents of ſilver; and of braſs, and iron, without weight: for it is in abundance; timber alſo and ſtone have I prepared; and thou mayeſt add thereto.

Exceeding magnifical, ver. 5.] Though other buildings might exceed this in dimenſions, yet none did excel it in coſtlineſs of materials, exquiſiteneſs of workmanſhip, or in the manifeſtation of the Divine Preſence, and myſtical ſignification thereof.

15 Moreover, there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers, and workers of ſtone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work.

16 Of the gold, the ſilver, and the braſs, and the iron, there is no number. Ariſe, therefore, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee.

17 David alſo commanded all the princes of Iſrael to help Solomon his ſon, ſaying,

18 Is not the Lord your God with you? and hath he not given you reſt on every ſide? for he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand; and the land is ſubdued before the Lord, and before his people.

19 Now ſet your heart and your ſoul to ſeek the Lord your God; ariſe, therefore, and build ye the ſanctuary of the Lord God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and the holy veſſels of God, into the houſe that is to be built to the name of the Lord.

CHAP. XXIII.

Solomon made king, &c.

SO when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his ſon king over Iſrael.

2 ¶ And he gathered together all the princes of Iſrael, with the prieſts and the Levites.

3 Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thouſand.

4 Of which twenty and four thouſand were to ſet forward the work of the houſe of the Lord; and ſix thouſand were officers and judges:

5 Moreover, four thouſand were porters; and four thouſand praiſed the Lord with the inſtruments which I made, ſaid David, to praiſe therewith.

6 And David divided them into courſes among the ſons of Levi, namely, Gerſhon, Kohath, and Merari.

7 ¶ Of the Gerſhonites were Laadan and Shimei.

8 The ſons of Laadan; the chief was Jehiel, and Zetham, and Joel, three.

9 The ſons of Shimei; Shelomith, and Haziel, and Haran, three. Theſe were the chief of the fathers of Laadan.

10 And the ſons of Shimei were, Jahath, Zina, and Jeuſh, and Beriah. Theſe four were the ſons of Shimei.

11 And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the ſecond: but Jeuſh and Beriah had not many ſons; therefore they were in one reckoning, according to their father's houſe.

12 ¶ The ſons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four.

13 The ſons of Amram; Aaron, and and Moſes. And Aaron was ſeparated, that he ſhould ſanctify the moſt holy things, he and his ſons for ever, to burn incenſe before the Lord, to miniſter unto him, and to bleſs in his name for ever.

14 Now concerning Moſes the man of God, his ſons were named of the tribe of Levi.

15 The ſons of Moſes were, Gerſhom, and Eliezer.

16 Of the ſons of Gerſhom, Shebuel was the chief.

17 And the ſons of Eliezer were Rehabiah the chief. And Eliezer had none other ſons: but the ſons of Rehabiah were very many.

18 Of the ſons of Izhar, Shelomith the chief.

19 Of the ſons of Hebron; Jeriah the firſt, Amariah the ſecond, Jehaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

20 Of the ſons of Uzziel; Micah the firſt, and Jeſiah the ſecond.

21 ¶ The ſons of Merari; Mahli, and Muſhi. The ſons of Mahli; Eleazar, and Kiſh.

22 And Eleazar died, and had no ſons, but daughters: and their brethren the ſons of Kiſh took them.

23 The ſons of Muſhi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three.

24 Theſe were the ſons of Levi after the houſe of their fathers; even the chief of the fathers, as they were counted by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the ſervice of the houſe of the Lord, from the age of twenty years and upward.

25 For David ſaid, The Lord God of Iſrael hath given reſt unto his people, that they may dwell in Jeruſalem for ever;

26 And alſo unto the Levites: they ſhall no more carry the tabernacle, nor any veſſels of it for the ſervice thereof.

27 For by the laſt words of David the Levites were numbered from twenty years old and above:

28 Becauſe their office was to wait on the ſons of Aaron, for the ſervice of the houſe of the Lord, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the ſervice of the houſe of God;

29 Both for the ſhew-bread, and for the fine flour for meat-offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for that which is baked in the pan, and for that which is fried, and for all manner of meaſure and ſize;

30 And to ſtand every morning to thank and praiſe the Lord, and likewiſe at even;

31 And to offer all burnt-ſacrifices unto the Lord in the ſabbaths, in the new moons, and on the ſet feaſts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them continually before the Lord:

32 And that they ſhould keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the ſons of Aaron their brethren, in the ſervice of the houſe of the Lord.

CHAP. XXIV.

The diviſions of the ſons of Aaron into four and twenty orders.

NOW theſe are the diviſions of the ſons of Aaron. The ſons of Aaron; Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the prieſts' office.

3 And David diſtributed them, both Zadok of the ſons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the ſons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their ſervice.

4 And there were more chief men found of the ſons of Eleazar than of the ſons of Ithamar; and thus were they divided: Among the ſons of Eleazar there were ſixteen chief men of the houſe of their fathers, and eight among the ſons of Ithamar, according to the houſe of their fathers.

5 Thus were they divided by lot, one ſort with another; for the governors of the ſanctuary, and governors of the houſe of God, were of the ſons of Eleazar, and of the ſons of Ithamar.

6 And Shemaiah the ſon of Nethaneel the ſcribe, one of the Levites, wrote them before the king and the princes, and Zadok the prieſt, and Ahimelech the ſon of Abiathar, and before the chief of the fathers of the prieſts and Levites: one principal houſhold being taken for Eleazar, and one taken for Ithamar.

7 Now the firſt lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the ſecond to Jedaiah,

8 The third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

9 The fifth to Malchijah, the ſixth to Mijamin,

10 The ſeventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah,

11 The ninth to Jeſhuah, the tenth to Shekaniah,

12 The eleventh to Eliaſhib, the twelfth to Jakim,

13 The thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeſhebeab,

14 The fifteenth to Bilgah, the ſixteenth to Immer,

15 The ſeventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphſes,

16 The nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezekel,

17 The one and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul,

18 The three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah.

19 Theſe were the orderings of them in their ſervice to come into the houſe of the Lord, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the Lord God of Iſrael had commanded him.

20 ¶ And the reſt of the ſons of Levi were theſe: of the ſons of Amram; Shubael: of the ſons of Shubael; Jehdeiah.

21 Concerning Rehabiah: of the ſons of Rehabiah, the firſt was Iſhiah.

22 Of the Izharites; Shelomoth: of the ſons of Shelomoth; Jahath.

23 And the ſons of Hebron; Jeriah the firſt, Amariah the ſecond, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.

24 Of the ſons of Uzziel; Michah: of the ſons of Michah; Shamir.

25 The brother of Michah was Iſhiah: of the ſons of Iſhiah; Zechariah.

26 The ſons of Merari were, Mahli, and Muſhi: the ſons of Jaaziah; Beno.

27 ¶ The ſons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri.

28 Of Mahli came Eleazar, who had no ſons.

29 Concerning Kiſh: the ſon of Kiſh was Jerahmeel.

30 The ſons alſo of Muſhi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. Theſe were the ſons of the Levites, after the houſe of their fathers.

31 Theſe likewiſe caſt lots over-againſt their brethren the ſons of Aaron, in the preſence of David the king, and Zadok and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers, of the prieſts and Levites, even the principal fathers over-againſt their younger brethren.

CHAP. XXV.

The number and offices of the ſingers.

MOREOVER, David and the captains of the hoſt ſeparated to the ſervice of the ſons of Aſaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who ſhould propheſy with harps, with pſalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen, according to their ſervice was:

2 Of the ſons of Aſaph; Zaccur, and Joſeph, and Nethaniah, and Aſarelah, the ſons of Aſaph under the hands of Aſaph, which propheſied according to the order of the king.

3 Of Jeduthun: the ſons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeſhaiah, Haſhabiah, and Mattithiah, ſix under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who propheſied with a harp, to give thanks and to praiſe the Lord.

4 Of Heman: the ſons of Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joſhbekaſhah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth:

5 All theſe were the ſons of Heman the king's ſeer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen ſons and three daughters.

6 All theſe were under the hands of their father for ſong in the houſe of the Lord, with cymbals, pſalteries and harps, for the ſervice of the houſe of God, according to the king's order to Aſaph, Jeduthun, and Heman,

7 So the number of them, with their brethren that were inſtructed in the ſongs of the Lord, even all that were cunning, was two hundred fourſcore and eight.

8 ¶ And they caſt lots, ward againſt ward, as well the ſmall as the great, the teacher as the ſcholar.

9 Now the firſt lot came forth for Aſaph to Joſeph: the ſecond to Gedaliah, who with his brethren and ſons were twelve:

10 The third to Zaccur, he, his ſons and his brethren, were twelve:

11 The fourth to Izri, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:

12 The fifth to Nethaniah, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:

13 The ſixth to Bukkiah, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:

14 The ſeventh to Jeſharelah, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve.

15 The eighth to Jeſhaiah, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:

16 The ninth to Mattaniah, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:

17 The tenth to Shimei, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:

18 The eleventh to Azareel, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:

Ward againſt ward, ver. 8.] So that each courſe of prieſts and Levites might have a courſe of ſingers to anſwer them.

19 The twelfth to Haſhabiah, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:
20 The thirteenth to Shubael, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:
21 The fourteenth to Mattithiah, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:
22 The fifteenth to Jeremoth, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:
23 The ſixteenth to Hananiah, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:
24 The ſeventeenth to Joſhbekaſhah, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:
25 The eighteenth to Hanani, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:
26 The nineteenth to Mallothi, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:
27 The twentieth to Eliathah, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:
28 The one and twentieth to Hothir, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:
29 The two and twentieth to Giddalti, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:
30 The three and twentieth to Mahazioth, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve:
31 The four and twentieth to Romamti-ezer, he, his ſons, and his brethren, were twelve.

CHAP. XXVI.

The diviſion of the porters.

CONCERNING the diviſion of the porters; of the Korhites was Meſhelemiah the ſon of Kore, of the ſons of Aſaph.

2 And the ſons of Meſhelemiah were, Zechariah the firſt-born, Jediael the ſecond, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth.
3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the ſixth, Elioenai the ſeventh.
4 Moreover, the ſons of Obed-edom were, Shemaiah the firſt-born, Jehozabad the ſecond, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth,
5 Ammiel the ſixth, Iſſachar the ſeventh, Peulthai the eighth: for God bleſſed him.
6 Alſo unto Shemaiah his ſon were ſons born, that ruled throughout the houſe of their father: for they were mighty men of valour.
7 The ſons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whoſe brethren were ſtrong men; Elihu, and Semachiah.
8 All theſe of the ſons of Obed-edom: they, and their ſons, and their brethren, able men for ſtrength for the ſervice, were threeſcore and two of Obed-edom.
9 And Meſhelemiah had ſons and brethren, ſtrong men, eighteen.
10 Alſo Hoſah of the children of Merari had ſons; Simri the chief (for though he was not the firſt-born, yet his father made him the chief;)
11 Hilkiah the ſecond, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all the ſons and brethren of Hoſah were thirteen.
12 Among theſe were the diviſions of the porters, even among the chief men, having wards one againſt an-

Mighty men of valour, ver. 6.] This is often mentioned, in reference to the Levite porters, becauſe they needed ſtrength and courage, to keep order, and prevent confuſion among ſuch multitudes as met together at ſolemn feaſts.

other, to miniſter in the houſe of the Lord.

13 ¶ And they caſt lots, as well the ſmall as the great, according to the houſe of their fathers, for every gate.

14 And the lot eaſt-ward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his ſon, a wiſe counſellor, they caſt lots; and his lot came out north-ward.

15 To Obed-edom ſouth-ward; and to his ſons, the houſe of Aſuppim.

16 To Shuppim and Hoſa the lot came forth weſt-ward, with the gate Shallecheth, by the cauſeway of the going up ward againſt ward.

17 Eaſt-ward were ſix Levites, north-ward four a day, ſouth-ward four a day, and toward Aſuppim two and two.

18 At Parbar weſt-ward, four at the cauſeway, and two at Parbar.

19 Theſe are the diviſions of the porters among the ſons of Kore, and among the ſons of Merari.

20 ¶ And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treaſures of the houſe of God, and over the treaſures of the dedicated things.

21 As concerning the ſons of Laadan; the ſons of the Gerſhonite Laadan, chief fathers, even of Laadan, the Gerſhonite, were Jehieli.

22 The ſons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, which were over the treaſures of the houſe of the Lord.

23 Of the Amramites, and the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites:

24 And Shebuel the ſon of Gerſhom, the ſon of Moſes, was ruler of the treaſures.

25 And his brethren by Eliezer; Rehabiah his ſon, and Jeſhaiah his ſon, and Joram his ſon, and Zichri his ſon, and Shelomith his ſon.

26 Which Shelomith and his brethren were over all the treaſures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thouſands and hundreds, and the captains of the hoſt, had dedicated.

27 Out of the ſpoils won in battles did they dedicate to maintain the houſe of the Lord.

28 And all that Samuel the ſeer, and Saul the ſon of Kiſh, and Abner the ſon of Ner, and Joab the ſon of Zeruiah, had dedicated, and whoſoever had dedicated any thing, it was under the hand of Shelomith, and of his brethren.

29 ¶ Of the Izharhites, Chenaniah and his ſons were for the outward buſineſs over Iſrael, for officers and judges.

30 And of the Hebronites, Haſhabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thouſand and ſeven hundred, were officers among them of Iſrael on this ſide Jordan weſt-ward, in all the buſineſs of the Lord, and in the ſervice of the king.

31 Among the Hebronites was Jerijah the chief, even among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers, in the fortieth year of the reign of David they were ſought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valour at Jazer of Gilead.

Outward buſineſs, ver. 29.] To go abroad into the country, to make proviſion of wood, coal, oil, wine, &c.

32 And his brethren, men of valour, were two thouſand and ſeven hundred chief fathers, whom king David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, for every matter pertaining to God, and affairs of the king.

CHAP. XXVII.

The twelve captains for every ſeveral month, &c.

NOW the children of Iſrael after their number, to wit, the chief fathers and captains of thouſands and hundreds, and their officers that ſerved the king in any matter of the courſes, which came in and went out month by month, throughout all the months of the year, of every courſe were twenty and four thouſand.

2 Over the firſt courſe for the firſt month was Jaſhobeam the ſon of Zabdiel: and in his courſe were twenty and four thouſand.

3 Of the children of Perez was the chief of all the captains of the hoſt for the firſt month.

4 And over the courſe of the ſecond month was Dodai an Ahohite, and of his courſe was Mikloth alſo the ruler; in his courſe likewiſe were twenty and four thouſand.

5 The third captain of the hoſt for the third month was Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada a chief prieſt: and in his courſe were twenty and four thouſand.

6 This is that Benaiah who was mighty among the thirty, and above the thirty: and in his courſe was Ammizabad his ſon.

7 The fourth captain for the fourth month was Aſahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his ſon after him: and in his courſe were twenty and four thouſand.

8 The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shammuth the Izrahite: and in his courſe were twenty and four thouſand.

9 The ſixth captain for the ſixth month was Ira the ſon of Ikkeſh the Tekoite: and in his courſe were twenty and four thouſand,

10 The ſeventh captain for the ſeventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his courſe were twenty and four thouſand.

11 The eighth captain for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Huſhathite of the Zarhites: and in his courſe were twenty and four thouſand.

12 The ninth captain for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anetothite, of the Benjamites: and in his courſe were twenty and four thouſand.

13 The tenth captain for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites, and in his courſe were twenty and four thouſand.

14 The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his courſe were twenty and four thouſand.

15 The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite of Othniel: and in his courſe were twenty and four thouſand.

16 ¶ Furthermore, over the tribes of Iſrael: the ruler of the Reubenites was Eliezer the ſon of Zichri; of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the ſon of Maachah;

17 Of the Levites, Haſhabiah the ſon of Kemuel; of the Aaronites, Zadok;

18 Of Judah, Elihu one of the brethren of David; of Iſſachar, Omri the ſon of Michael;

19 Of Zebulun, Iſhmaiah the ſon of Obadiah; of Naphtali, Jerimoth the ſon of Azriel;

20 Of the children of Ephraim, Hoſhea the ſon of Azaziah; of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, Joel the ſon of Pedaiah;

21 Of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh in Gilead, Iddo the ſon of Zechariah; of Benjamin, Jaaſiel the ſon of Abner;

22 Of Dan, Azareel the ſon of Jeroham: theſe were the princes of the tribes of Iſrael.

23 But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: becauſe the Lord had ſaid he would increaſe Iſrael like to the ſtars of the heavens.

24 Joab the ſon of Zeruiah began to number, but he finiſhed not, becauſe there fell wrath for it againſt Iſrael; neither was the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David.

25 And over the king's treaſures was Azmaveth the ſon of Adiel; and over the ſtore-houſes in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the caſtles, was Jehonathan the ſon of Uzziah:

26 And over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground was Ezri the ſon of Chelub.

27 And over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite: over the increaſe of the vineyards for the wine-cellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite.

28 And over the olive-trees, and the ſycamore-trees, that were in the low plains, was Baal-hanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of oil was Joaſh:

29 And over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds that were in the valleys was Shaphat the ſon of Adlai:

30 Over the camels alſo was Obil the Iſhmaelite: and over the aſſes was Jehdeiah the Meronothite:

31 And over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagerite. All theſe were the rulers of the ſubſtance which was king David's.

32 Alſo Jonathan, David's uncle, was a counſellor, a wiſe man, and a ſcribe: and Jehiel the ſon of Hachmoni was with the king's ſons.

33 And Ahithophel was the king's counſellor; and Huſhai the Archite was the king's companion:

34 And after Ahithophel was Jehoiada the ſon of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and the general of the king's army was Joab.

CHAP. XXVIII.

David exhorteth to fear God.

AND David aſſembled all the princes of Iſrael, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the com-

Took not the number, &c. ver. 23.] Leſt he might ſeem to doubt of the promiſe of God, the which being fulfilled, muſt render the numbering an endleſs labour.

panies that miniſtered to the king by courſe, and the captains over the thouſands and captains over the hundreds, and the ſtewards over all the ſubſtance and poſſeſſion of the king, and of his ſons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men unto Jeruſalem.

2 Then David the king ſtood up upon his feet, and ſaid, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: As for me, I had in mine heart to build an houſe of reſt for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and for the footſtool of our God, and had made ready for the building:

3 But God ſaid unto me, Thou ſhalt not build an houſe for my name, becauſe thou haſt been a man of war, and haſt ſhed blood.

4 Howbeit, the Lord God of Iſrael choſe me before all the houſe of my father to be king over Iſrael for ever. For he hath choſen Judah to be the ruler; and of the houſe of Judah, the houſe of my father; and among the ſons of my father, he liked me to make me king over all Iſrael.

5 And of all my ſons, (for the Lord hath given me many ſons,) he hath choſen Solomon my ſon to ſit upon the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Iſrael.

6 And he ſaid unto me, Solomon, thy ſon, he ſhall build my houſe and my courts: for I have choſen him to be my ſon, and I will be his father.

7 Moreover, I will eſtabliſh his kingdom for ever, if he be conſtant to do my commandments and my judgements, as at this day.

8 Now therefore in the ſight of all Iſrael the congregation of the Lord, and in the audience of our God, keep and ſeek for all the commandments of the Lord your God: that ye may poſſeſs this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.

9 ¶ And thou, Solomon, my ſon, know thou the God of thy father, and ſerve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind. For the Lord ſearcheth all hearts, and underſtandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts. If thou ſeek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forſake him, he will caſt thee off for ever.

10 Take heed now: for the Lord hath choſen thee to build an houſe for the ſanctuary: be ſtrong, and do it.

11 Then David gave to Solomon his ſon the pattern of the porch, and of the houſes thereof, and of the treaſuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy-ſeat.

12 And the pattern of all that he had by the ſpirit, of the courſe of the houſe of the Lord, and of all the chambers round about, of the treaſuries of the houſe of God, and of the treaſuries of the dedicated things:

13 Alſo for the courſes of the prieſts and the Levites, and for all the work of the ſervice of the houſe of the Lord, and for all the veſſels of ſervice in the houſe of the Lord.

14 He gave of gold by weight for things of gold, for all inſtruments of all manner of ſervice; ſilver alſo for all

As at this day, ver. 7.] As he has begun, and, in ſome meaſure, hitherto continued to do.

inſtruments of ſilver, by weight, for all inſtruments of every kind of ſervice:

15 Even the weight for the candleſticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candleſtick, and for the lamps thereof; and for the candleſticks of ſilver by weight, both for the candleſtick, and alſo for the lamps thereof, according to the uſe of every candleſtick.

16 And by weight he gave gold for the tables of ſhew-bread, for every table; and likewiſe ſilver for the tables of ſilver;

17 Alſo pure gold for the fleſh-hooks and the bowls, and the cups: and for the golden baſons he gave gold by weight for every baſon; and likewiſe ſilver by weight for every baſon of ſilver:

18 And for the altar of incenſe, refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims, that ſpread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of the Lord.

19 All this, ſaid David, the Lord made me underſtand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern.

20 ¶ And David ſaid to Solomon his ſon, Be ſtrong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be diſmayed: for the Lord God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forſake thee, until thou haſt finiſhed all the work for the ſervice of the houſe of the Lord.

21 And behold, the courſes of the prieſts and the Levites, even they ſhall be with thee for all the ſervice of the houſe of God: and there ſhall be with thee for all manner of workmanſhip every willing ſkilful man, for any manner of ſervice: alſo the princes and all the people will be wholly at thy commandment.

CHAP. XXIX.

David by his example cauſeth the princes and people to offer.

FURTHERMORE, David the king ſaid unto all the congregation, Solomon, my ſon, whom God alone hath choſen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great; for the palace is not for man, but for the Lord God.

2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the houſe of my God, the gold for things to be made of gold, and the ſilver for things of ſilver, and the braſs for things of braſs, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood: onyx-ſtones, and ſtones to be ſet, gliſtering ſtones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious ſtones, and marble ſtones in abundance.

3 Moreover, becauſe I have ſet my affection to the houſe of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and ſilver which I have given to the houſe of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy houſe,

4 Even three thouſand talents of gold of the gold of Ophir, and ſeven thouſand talents of refined ſilver, to overlay the walls of the houſes withal:

Overlay the walls, &c. ver. 4.] The Holy and Holy of Holies were overlaid with plates of gold; the other rooms with plates of ſilver, as they ſaw good.

5 The gold for things of gold, and the ſilver for things of ſilver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to conſecrate his ſervice this day unto the Lord?

6 Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Iſrael, and the captains of thouſands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly,

7 And gave for the ſervice of the houſe of God, of gold, five thouſand talents and ten thouſand drams; and of ſilver, ten thouſand talents; and of braſs, eighteen thouſand talents; and one hundred thouſand talents of iron.

8 And they with whom precious ſtones were found, gave them to the treaſure of the houſe of the Lord, by the hand of Jehiel the Gerſhonite.

9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, becauſe with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord: and David the king alſo rejoiced with great joy.

10 ¶ Wherefore David bleſſed the Lord before all the congregation: and David ſaid, Bleſſed be thou, Lord God of Iſrael our father, for ever and ever.

11 Thine, O Lord, is the greatneſs, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majeſty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reigneſt over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give ſtrength unto all.

13 Now, therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praiſe thy glorious name.

14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we ſhould be able to offer ſo willingly after this ſort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

15 For we are ſtranges before thee, and ſojourners, as were all our fathers; our days on the earth are as a ſhadow, and there is none abiding.

16 O Lord our God, all this ſtore that we have prepared to build thee an houſe for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own.

17 I know alſo, my God, that thou trieſt the heart, and haſt pleaſure in uprightneſs. As for me, in the uprightneſs of mine heart I have willingly offered all theſe things: and now I have ſeen with joy thy people which are preſent here to offer willingly unto thee.

18 O Lord God of Abraham, Iſaac, and of Iſrael our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee:

19 And give unto Solomon my ſon a perfect heart to keep thy commandments, thy teſtimonies, and thy ſtatutes, and to do all theſe things, and to build the palace for the which I have made proviſion.

20 And David ſaid to all the congregation, Now bleſs the Lord your God. And all the congregation bleſſed the Lord God of their fathers, and

For all things come of thee, ver. 14.] That we have ability according to our hearts, and hearts according to our ability, is from God.

bowed down their heads, and worſhipped the Lord and the king.

21 And they ſacrificed ſacrifices unto the Lord, and offered burnt-offerings unto the Lord on the morrow after that day, even a thouſand bullocks, a thouſand rams, and a thouſand lambs, with their drink-offerings, and ſacrifices in abundance for all Iſrael;

22 And did eat and drink before the Lord on that day with great gladneſs. And they made Solomon the ſon of David king the ſecond time, and anointed him unto the Lord to be the chief governor, and Zadok to be prieſt.

23 Then Solomon ſat on the throne of the Lord as king inſtead of David his father, and proſpered, and all Iſrael obeyed him.

24 And all the princes and the mighty men, and all the ſons likewiſe of king David, ſubmitted themſelves unto Solomon the king.

25 And the Lord magnified Solomon exceedingly in the ſight of all Iſrael, and beſtowed upon him ſuch royal majeſty as had not been on any king before him in Iſrael.

26 ¶ Thus David, the ſon of Jeſſe, reigned over all Iſrael.

27 And the time that he reigned over Iſrael was forty years; ſeven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jeruſalem.

28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour. And Solomon his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

29 Now the acts of David the king, firſt and laſt, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the ſeer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the ſeer,

30 With all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Iſrael, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

THE SECOND BOOK
OF THE
CHRONICLES.

CHAP. I.

The ſolemn offering of Solomon at Gibeon.

AND Solomon the ſon of David was ſtrengthened in his kingdom, and the Lord his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly.

2 Then Solomon ſpake unto all Iſrael, to the captains of thouſands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Iſrael, the chief of the fathers.

3 So Solomon and all the congregation with him went to the high place that was at Gibeon: for there was the tabernacle of the congregation

The times that went over him, ver. 30.] Thoſe various occurrents that fell out in his time, and that befel him, his people, and other countries.

of God, which Moſes the ſervant of the Lord had made in the wilderneſs.

4 But the ark of God had David brought up from Kirjath-jearim to the place which David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jeruſalem.

5 Moreover, the brazen altar, that Bezaleel the ſon of Uri the ſon of Hur had made, he put before the tabernacle of the Lord: and Solomon and the congregation ſought unto it.

6 And Solomon went up thither to the brazen altar before the Lord, which was at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thouſand burnt-offerings upon it.

7 ¶ In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and ſaid unto him, Aſk what I ſhall give thee.

8 And Solomon ſaid unto God, Thou haſt ſhewed great mercy unto David my father, and haſt made me to reign in his ſtead:

9 Now, O Lord God, let thy promiſe unto David my father be eſtabliſhed; for thou haſt made me king over a people like the duſt of the earth in multitude.

10 Give me now wiſdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people that is ſo great?

11 And God ſaid to Solomon, Becauſe this was in thine heart, and thou haſt not aſked riches, wealth or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet haſt aſked long life; but haſt aſked wiſdom and knowledge for thyſelf, that thou mayeſt judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:

12 Wiſdom and knowledge is granted unto thee, and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, ſuch as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither ſhall there any after thee have the like.

13 ¶ Then Solomon came from his journey to the high place that was at Gibeon, to Jeruſalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Iſrael.

14 And Solomon gathered chariots and horſemen: and he had a thouſand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thouſand horſemen, which he placed in the chariot-cities, and with the king at Jeruſalem.

15 And the king made ſilver and gold at Jeruſalem as plenteous as ſtones, and cedar-trees made he as the ſycamore-trees that are in the vale for abundance.

16 And Solomon had horſes brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

17 And they fetched up and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for ſix hundred ſhekels of ſilver, and an horſe for an hundred and fifty. And ſo brought they out horſes for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their means.

CHAP. II.

Solomon's labourers at the temple.

AND Solomon determined to build an houſe for the name of the Lord, and an houſe for his kingdom.

2 And Solomon told out threeſcore and ten thouſand men to bear burdens, and fourſcore thouſand to hew in the mountain, and three thouſand and ſix hundred to overſee them.

3 ¶ And Solomon ſent to Huram the king of Tyre, ſaying, As thou didſt deal with David my father, and didſt ſend him cedars to build him an houſe to dwell therein, even ſo deal with me.

4 Behold, I build an houſe to the name of the Lord my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him ſweet incenſe, and for the continual ſhew-bread, and for the burnt-offerings morning and evening, on the ſabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the ſolemn feaſts of the Lord our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Iſrael.

5 And the houſe which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods.

6 But who is able to build him an houſe, ſeeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who am I, then, that I ſhould build him an houſe, ſave only to burn ſacrifice before him?

7 Send me now, therefore, a man cunning to work in gold, and in ſilver, and in braſs, and in iron, and in purple, and crimſon, and blue, and that can ſkill to grave with the cunning men that are with me in Judah and in Jeruſalem, whom David my father did provide.

8 Send me alſo cedar-trees, fir-trees, and algum-trees out of Lebanon; for I know that thy ſervants can ſkill to cut timber in Lebanon: and behold, my ſervants ſhall be with thy ſervants,

9 Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the houſe which I am about to build ſhall be wonderful great.

10 And behold, I will give to thy ſervants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thouſand meaſures of beaten wheat, and twenty thouſand meaſures of barley, and twenty thouſand baths of wine, and twenty thouſand baths of oil.

11 ¶ Then Huram the king of Tyre anſwered in writing, which he ſent to Solomon, Becauſe the Lord hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them.

12 Huram ſaid moreover, Bleſſed be the Lord God of Iſrael that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wiſe ſon, endued with prudence and underſtanding, that might build an houſe for the Lord, and an houſe for his kingdom.

13 And now I have ſent a cunning man endued with underſtanding, of Huram my father's;

14 The ſon of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, ſkilful to work in gold and in ſilver, in braſs, in iron, in ſtone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimſon; alſo to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which ſhall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father.

15 Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine which

Twenty thouſand meaſures, ver. 10.] Twenty-one thouſand two hundred and fifty quarters, according to Wincheſter meaſure.

my lord hath ſpoken of, let him ſend unto his ſervants:

16 And we will cut wood out of Lebanon as much as thou ſhalt need: and we will bring it to thee in floats by ſea to Joppa; and thou ſhalt carry it up to Jeruſalem.

17 And Solomon numbered all the ſtrangers that were in the land of Iſrael, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them; and they were found an hundred and fifty thouſand and three thouſand and ſix hundred.

18 And he ſet threeſcore and ten thouſand of them to be bearers of burdens, and fourſcore thouſand to be hewers in the mountain, and three thouſand and ſix hundred overſeers to ſet the people a work.

CHAP. III.

The place and time of building the temple.

THEN Solomon began to build the houſe of the Lord at Jeruſalem in mount Moriah, where the Lord appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threſhing-floor of Ornan the Jebuſite.

2 And he began to build in the ſecond day of the ſecond month, in the fourth year of his reign.

3 ¶ Now theſe are the things wherein Solomon was inſtructed for the building of the houſe of God; the length by cubits after the firſt meaſure was threeſcore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.

4 And the porch that was in the front of the houſe, the length of it was according to the breadth of the houſe, twenty cubits, and the height was an hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold.

5 And the greater houſe he cieled with fir-tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and ſet thereon palm-trees and chains.

6 And he garniſhed the houſe with precious ſtones for beauty: and the gold was gold of Parvaim.

7 He overlaid alſo the houſe, the beams, the poſts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof with gold, and graved cherubims on the walls.

8 And he made the moſt holy houſe, the length whereof was according to the breadth of the houſe, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to ſix hundred talents.

9 And the weight of the nails was fifty ſhekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.

10 And in the moſt holy houſe he made two cherubims of image-work, and overlaid them with gold.

11 ¶ And the wings of the cherubims were twenty cubits long: one wing of the one cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the houſe; and the other wing was likewiſe five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.

12 And one wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the houſe; and the other wing was

five cubits alſo, joining to the wing of the other cherub.

13 The wings of theſe cherubims ſpread themſelves forth twenty cubits: and they ſtood on their feet, and their faces were inward.

14 And he made the vail of blue, and purple, and crimſon, and fine linen, and wrought cherubims thereon.

15 Alſo he made before the houſe two pillars of thirty and five cubits high, and the chapiter that was on the top of each of them was five cubits.

16 And he made chains, as in the oracle, and put them on the heads of the pillars; and made an hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains.

17 And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left: and called the name of that on the right hand, Jachin; and the name of that on the left, Boaz.

CHAP. IV.

The altar of braſs, the molten ſea, &c.

MOREOVER, he made an altar of braſs, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof.

2 ¶ Alſo he made a molten ſea of ten cubits, from brim to brim, round in compaſs, and five cubits the height thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did compaſs it round about.

3 And under it was the ſimilitude of oxen, which did compaſs it round about; ten in a cubit, compaſſing the ſea round about. Two rows of oxen were caſt, when it was caſt.

4 It ſtood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the weſt, and three looking toward the ſouth, and three looking toward the eaſt: and the ſea was ſet above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

5 And the thickneſs of it was an hand-breadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; and it received and held three thouſand baths.

6 He made alſo ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to waſh in them: ſuch things as they offered for the burnt offering they waſhed in them; but the ſea was for the prieſts to waſh in.

7 And he made ten candleſticks of gold, according to their form, and ſet them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

8 He made alſo ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right ſide, and five on the left. And he made an hundred baſons of gold.

9 Furthermore, he made the court of the prieſts, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with braſs.

10 And he ſet the ſea on the right ſide of the eaſt end, over-againſt the ſouth.

11 And Huram made the pots, and the ſhovels, and the baſons. And Huram finiſhed the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the houſe of God;

Height thereof, ver. 1.] Eighteen feet three inches. It was made thus high, that the people out of their court might ſee the offerings laid upon the altar, and burning, and thereby be minded of Chriſt's ſacrifice.

12 To wit, the two pillars, and the pommels, and the chapiters which were on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two pommels of the chapiters, which were on the pillars;

13 And four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths, two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapiters, which were upon the pillar.

14 He made alſo baſes, and lavers made he upon the baſes;

15 One ſea, and twelve oxen under it:

16 The pots alſo, and the ſhovels, and the fleſh-hooks, and all their inſtruments, did Huram his father make, to king Solomon for the houſe of the Lord, of bright braſs.

17 In the plain of Jordan did the king caſt them, in the clay-ground, between Succoth and Zeredathah.

18 Thus Solomon made all theſe veſſels in great abundance: for the weight of the braſs could not be found out.

19 ¶ And Solomon made all the veſſels that were for the houſe of God, the golden altar alſo, and the tables whereon the ſhew-bread was ſet;

20 Moreover, the candleſticks with their lamps, that they ſhould burn after the manner, before the oracle, of pure gold;

21 And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs made he of gold, and that perfect gold;

22 And the ſnuffers, and the baſons, and the ſpoons, and the cenſers, of pure gold: and the entry of the houſe, the inner doors thereof for the moſt holy place, and the doors of the houſe of the temple, were of gold.

CHAP. V.

The dedicated treaſures, &c.

THUS all the work that Solomon made for the houſe of the Lord was finiſhed: and Solomon brought in all the things that David his father had dedicated; and the ſilver, and the gold, and all the inſtruments put he among the treaſures of the houſe of God.

2 ¶ Then Solomon aſſembled the elders of Iſrael, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Iſrael, unto Jeruſalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion.

3 Wherefore all the men of Iſrael aſſembled themſelves unto the king in the feaſt, which was in the ſeventh month.

4 And all the elders of Iſrael came; and the Levites took up the ark.

5 And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy veſſels that were in the tabernacle, theſe did the prieſts and the Levites bring up.

6 Alſo king Solomon, and all the congregation of Iſrael that were aſſembled unto him before the ark, ſacrificed ſheep and oxen which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

7 And the prieſts brought in the ark of the covenant of the Lord unto his

Huram his father, ver. 16.] Solomon's father: ſo he uſed to call him, out of that great reſpect he bore for him on account of his extraordinary ſkill.

place, to the oracle of the houſe, into the moſt holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims:

8 For the cherubims ſpread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the ſtaves thereof above.

9 And they drew out the ſtaves of the ark, that the ends of the ſtaves were ſeen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not ſeen without. And there it is unto this day.

10 There was nothing in the ark ſave the two tables which Moſes put therein at Horeb when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Iſrael, when they came out of Egypt.

11 ¶ And it came to paſs when the prieſts were come out of the holy place, (for all the prieſts that were preſent were ſanctified, and did not then wait by courſe:

12 Alſo the Levites which were the ſingers, all of them of Aſaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their ſons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals, and pſalteries, and harps, ſtood at the eaſt end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty prieſts ſounding with trumpets:)

13 It came even to paſs, as the trumpeters and ſingers were as one, to make one ſound to be heard in praiſing and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets, and cymbals, and inſtruments of muſick, and praiſed the Lord, ſaying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the houſe was filled with a cloud, even the houſe of the Lord;

14 So that the prieſts could not ſtand to miniſter by reaſon of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the houſe of God.

CHAP. VI.

Solomon having bleſſed the people, bleſſeth God: his prayer at the conſecration, &c.

THEN ſaid Solomon, The Lord hath ſaid that he would dwell in the thick darkneſs.

2 But I have built an houſe of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever.

3 And the king turned his face, and bleſſed the whole congregation of Iſrael: and all the congregation of Iſrael ſtood.

4 And he ſaid, Bleſſed be the Lord God of Iſrael, who hath with his hands fulfilled that which he ſpake with his mouth to my father David, ſaying,

5 Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt, I choſe no city among all the tribes of Iſrael to build an houſe in, that my name might be there; neither choſe I any man to be a ruler over my people Iſrael:

6 But I have choſen Jeruſalem, that my name might be there; and have choſen David to be over my people Iſrael.

7 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build an houſe for the name of the Lord God of Iſrael.

Choſe I any man, &c. ver. 5.] As I did David, whoſe ſeed ſhould continue on the throne ſo long, and who ſhould be ſuch an eſpecial type of Chriſt.

8 But the Lord ſaid to David my father, Foraſmuch as it was in thine heart to build an houſe for my name, thou didſt well in that it was in thine heart:

9 Notwithſtanding, thou ſhalt not build the houſe; but thy ſon which ſhall come forth out of thy loins, he ſhall build the houſe for my name.

10 The Lord therefore hath performed his word that he hath ſpoken: for I am riſen up in the room of David my father, and am ſet on the throne of Iſrael, as the Lord promiſed, and have built the houſe for the name of the Lord God of Iſrael.

11 And in it have I put the ark; wherein is the covenant of the Lord that he made with the children of Iſrael.

12 ¶ And he ſtood before the altar of the Lord in the preſence of all the congregation of Iſrael, and ſpread forth his hands;

13 For Solomon had made a brazen ſcaffold of five cubits long and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had ſet it in the midſt of the court: and upon it he ſtood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Iſrael, and ſpread forth his hands toward heaven,

14 And ſaid, O Lord God of Iſrael, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepeſt covenant, and ſheweſt mercy unto thy ſervants, that walk before thee with all their hearts:

15 Thou which haſt kept with thy ſervant David my father that which thou haſt promiſed him, and ſpakeſt with thy mouth, and haſt fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

16 Now therefore, O Lord God of Iſrael, keep with thy ſervant David my father, that which thou haſt promiſed him, ſaying, There ſhall not fail thee a man in my ſight to ſit upon the throne of Iſrael; yet ſo, that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou haſt walked before me.

17 Now then, O Lord God of Iſrael, let thy word be verified which thou haſt ſpoken unto thy ſervant David.

18 But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven, and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much leſs this houſe which I have built!

19 Have reſpect therefore to the prayer of thy ſervant, and to his ſupplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy ſervant prayeth before thee:

20 That thine eyes may be open upon this houſe day and night, upon the place whereof thou haſt ſaid, that thou wouldeſt put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy ſervant prayeth toward this place.

21 Hearken therefore unto the ſupplications of thy ſervant, and of thy people Iſrael, which they ſhall make toward this place: hear thou from thy dwelling-place, even from heaven; and when thou heareſt, forgive.

22 If a man ſin againſt his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to

Midſt of the court, ver. 13.] Of the people; where it remained for kings to ſtand upon.

make him ſwear, and the oath come before thine altar in this houſe;

23 Then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy ſervants, by requiting the wicked, by recompenſing his way upon his own head; and by juſtifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteouſneſs.

24 And if thy people Iſrael be put to the worſe before the enemy, becauſe they have ſinned againſt thee; and ſhall return and confeſs thy name, and pray and make ſupplication before thee in this houſe;

25 Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the ſin of thy people Iſrael, and bring them again unto the land which thou gaveſt to them and to their fathers.

26 When the heaven is ſhut up, and there is no rain, becauſe they have ſinned againſt thee; yet if they pray toward this place, and confeſs thy name, and turn from their ſin when thou doſt afflict them;

27 Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the ſin of thy ſervants, and of thy people Iſrael, when thou haſt taught them the good way wherein they ſhould walk; and ſend rain upon thy land which thou haſt given unto thy people for an inheritance.

28 If there be dearth in the land, if there be peſtilence, if there be blaſting, or mildew, locuſts, or caterpillars: if their enemies beſiege them in the cities of their land: whatſoever ſore, or whatſoever ſickneſs there be:

29 Then what prayer or what ſupplication ſoever ſhall be made of any man, or of all thy people Iſrael, when every one ſhall know his own ſore and his own grief, and ſhall ſpread forth his hands in this houſe:

30 Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whoſe heart thou knoweſt; (for thou only knoweſt the hearts of the children of men:)

31 That they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways ſo long as they live in the land which thou gaveſt unto our fathers.

32 Moreover, concerning the ſtranger, which is not of thy people Iſrael, but is come from a far country for thy great name's ſake, and thy mighty hand, and thy ſtretched-out arm; if they come and pray in this houſe;

33 Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the ſtranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as doth thy people Iſrael, and may know that this houſe which I have built is called by thy name.

34 If thy people go out to war againſt their enemies by the way that thou ſhalt ſend them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou haſt choſen, and the houſe which I have built for thy name:

35 Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their ſupplication, and maintain their cauſe.

36 If they ſin againſt thee, (for there is no man which ſinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver

them over before their enemies, and they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near;

37 Yet, if they bethink themſelves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, ſaying, We have ſinned, we have done amiſs, and have dealt wickedly;

38 If they return to thee with all their heart and with all their ſoul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land which thou gaveſt unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou haſt choſen, and toward the houſe which I have built for thy name:

39 Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling-place, their prayer and their ſupplications, and maintain their cauſe, and forgive thy people which have ſinned againſt thee.

40 Now, my God, let, I beſeech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

41 Now therefore ariſe, O Lord God, into thy reſting place, thou, and the ark of thy ſtrength: let thy prieſts, O Lord God, be clothed with ſalvation, and let thy ſaints rejoice in goodneſs.

42 O Lord God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the mercies of David thy ſervant.

CHAP. VII.

God giveth teſtimony to Solomon's prayer.

NOW when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and conſumed the burnt-offering and the ſacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the houſe.

2 And the prieſts could not enter into the houſe of the Lord, becauſe the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's houſe.

3 And when all the children of Iſrael ſaw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord upon the houſe, they bowed themſelves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worſhipped, and praiſed the Lord, ſaying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

4 ¶ Then the king and all the people offered ſacrifices before the Lord.

5 And king Solomon offered a ſacrifice of twenty and two thouſand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thouſand ſheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the houſe of God.

6 And the prieſts waited on their offices: the Levites alſo with inſtruments of muſick of the Lord, which David the king had made to praiſe the Lord, becauſe his mercy endureth for ever, when David praiſed by their miniſtry: and the prieſts ſounded trumpets before them, and all Iſrael ſtood.

7 Moreover, Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that was before the houſe of the Lord: for there he offered burnt-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings, becauſe the brazen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt-offerings, and the meat-offerings, and the fat.

8 Alſo at the ſame time Solomon kept the feaſt ſeven days, and all Iſrael

Thy reſting place, ver. 41.] Take poſſeſſion of this houſe, which is built for thy conſtant and fixed habitation.

with him, a very great congregation, from the entering-in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt.

9 And in the eighth day they made a ſolemn aſſembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar ſeven days, and the feaſt ſeven days.

10 And on the three and twentieth day of the ſeventh month he ſent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodneſs that the Lord had ſhewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Iſrael his people.

11 Thus Solomon finiſhed the houſe of the Lord, and the king's houſe: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the houſe of the Lord, and in his own houſe, he proſperouſly effected.

12 And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and ſaid unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have choſen this place to myſelf for an houſe of ſacrifice.

13 If I ſhut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locuſts to devour the land, or if I ſend peſtilence among my people;

14 If my people, which are called by my name, ſhall humble themſelves, and pray, and ſeek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their ſin, and will heal their land.

15 Now mine eyes ſhall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

16 For now have I choſen and ſanctified this houſe, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart ſhall be there perpetually.

17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and ſhalt obſerve my ſtatutes and my judgements;

18 Then will I eſtabliſh the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, ſaying, There ſhall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Iſrael.

19 But if ye turn away, and forſake my ſtatutes and my commandments which I have ſet before you, and ſhall go and ſerve other gods, and worſhip them;

20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this houſe, which I have ſanctified for my name, will I caſt out of my ſight, and will make it to be a proverb and a by-word among all nations.

21 And this houſe which is high, ſhall be an aſtoniſhment to every one that paſſeth by it; ſo that he ſhall ſay, Why hath the Lord done thus unto this land, and unto this houſe?

22 And it ſhall be anſwered, Becauſe they forſook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worſhipped them, and ſerved them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

CHAP. VIII.

Solomon's buildings, &c.

AND it came to paſs at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had

built the houſe of the Lord, and his own houſe,

2 That the cities which Huram had reſtored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and cauſed the children of Iſrael to dwell there.

3 And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and prevailed againſt it.

4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderneſs, and all the ſtore-cities which he built in Hamath.

5 Alſo he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the nether, fenced cities with walls, gates, and bars;

6 And Baalath, and all the ſtore-cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot-cities, and the cities of the horſemen, and all that Solomon deſired to build in Jeruſalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

7 ¶ As for all the people that were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebuſites, which were not of Iſrael,

8 But of their children who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Iſrael conſumed not; them did Solomon make to pay tribute until this day.

9 But of the children of Iſrael did Solomon make no ſervants for his work; but they were men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horſemen.

10 And theſe were the chief of king Solomon's officers, even two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.

11 And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David, unto the houſe that he had built for her: for he ſaid, My wife ſhall not dwell in the houſe of David king of Iſrael, becauſe the places are holy, whereunto the ark of the Lord hath come.

12 ¶ Then Solomon offered burnt-offerings unto the Lord on the altar of the Lord, which he had built before the porch;

13 Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moſes, on the ſabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the ſolemn feaſts, three times in the year, even in the feaſt of unleavened bread, and in the feaſt of weeks, and in the feaſt of tabernacles.

14 And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courſes of the prieſts to their ſervice, and the Levites to their charges, to praiſe and miniſter before the prieſts, as the duty of every day required; the porters alſo by their courſes, at every gate: for ſo had David the man of God commanded.

15 And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the prieſts and Levites, concerning any matter, or concerning the treaſures.

16 Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the houſe of the Lord, and until it was finiſhed. So the houſe of the Lord was perfected.

17 Then went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to Eloth, at the ſea ſide in the land of Edom.

My wife ſhall not dwell, &c. ver. 11.] Probably becauſe ſhe and her retinue were heathens; and ſubject to many ceremonial pollutions peculiar to her ſex; ſo that he thought it not decent for them to be under the ſame roof with the ark.

18 And Huram ſent him by the hands of his ſervants, ſhips, and ſervants that had knowledge of the ſea; and they went with the ſervants of Solomon to Ophir, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

CHAP. IX.

The queen of Sheba admireth Solomon's wiſdom, &c.

AND when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, ſhe came to prove Solomon with hard queſtions at Jeruſalem, with a very great company, and camels that bare ſpices, and gold in abundance, and precious ſtones: and when ſhe was come to Solomon, ſhe communed with him of all that was in her heart.

2 And Solomon told her all her queſtions; and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not.

3 And when the queen of Sheba had ſeen the wiſdom of Solomon, and the houſe that he had built,

4 And the meat of his table, and the ſitting of his ſervants, and the attendance of his miniſters, and their apparel; his cup-bearers alſo, and their apparel; and his aſcent by which he went up into the houſe of the Lord; there was no more ſpirit in her.

5 And ſhe ſaid to the king, It was a true report which I heard in mine own land, of thine acts, and of thy wiſdom:

6 Howbeit, I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had ſeen it. And behold, the one half of the greatneſs of thy wiſdom was not told me: for thou exceedeſt the fame that I heard.

7 Happy are thy men, and happy are theſe thy ſervants, which ſtand continually before thee, and hear thy wiſdom.

8 Bleſſed be the Lord thy God, which delighted in thee to ſet thee on his throne to be king for the Lord thy God. Becauſe thy God loved Iſrael, to eſtabliſh them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgement and juſtice.

9 And ſhe gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of ſpices great abundance, and precious ſtones: neither was there any ſuch ſpices as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.

10 And the ſervants alſo of Huram, and the ſervants of Solomon, which brought gold from Ophir, brought algum-trees, and precious ſtones.

11 And the king made of the algum-trees, terraces to the houſe of the Lord, and to the king's palace, and harps and pſalteries for ſingers. And there were none ſuch ſeen before in the land of Judah.

12 And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her deſire, whatſoever ſhe aſked, beſide that which ſhe had brought unto the king. So ſhe turned, and went away to her own land, ſhe and her ſervants.

13 ¶ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year, was ſix hundred and threeſcore and ſix talents of gold:

King for the Lord thy God, ver. 8.] As his deputy, over his peculiar people, and to maintain his worſhip.

14 Beſide that which chapmen and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia, and governors of the country brought gold and ſilver to Solomon.

15 And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: ſix hundred ſhekels of beaten gold went to one target.

16 And three hundred ſhields made he of beaten gold: three hundred ſhekels of gold went to one ſhield: and the king put them in the houſe of the foreſt of Lebanon.

17 Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold.

18 And there were ſix ſteps to the throne, with a footſtool of gold, which were faſtened to the throne, and ſtays on each ſide of the ſitting-place, and two lions ſtanding by the ſtays:

19 And twelve lions ſtood there on the one ſide and on the other, upon the ſix ſteps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.

20 And all the drinking-veſſels of king Solomon were of gold, and all the veſſels of the houſe of the foreſt of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of ſilver; it was not any thing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

21 For the king's ſhips went to Tarſhiſh with the ſervants of Huram; every three years once came the ſhips of Tarſhiſh bringing gold and ſilver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

22 And king Solomon paſſed all the kings of the earth in riches and wiſdom.

23 And all the kings of the earth ſought the preſence of Solomon, to hear his wiſdom, that God had put in his heart.

24 And they brought every man his preſent, veſſels of ſilver, and veſſels of gold, and raiment, harneſs, and ſpices, horſes, and mules, a rate year by year.

25 And Solomon had four thouſand ſtalls for horſes and chariots, and twelve thouſand horſemen; whom he beſtowed in the chariot-cities, and with the king at Jeruſalem.

26 And he reigned over all the kings, from the river even unto the land of the Philiſtines, and to the border of Egypt.

27 And the king made ſilver in Jeruſalem as ſtones, and cedar-trees made he as the ſycamore-trees that are in the low plains in abundance.

28 And they brought unto Solomon horſes out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

29 ¶ Now the reſt of the acts of Solomon, firſt and laſt, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the viſions of Iddo the ſeer againſt Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat?

30 And Solomon reigned in Jeruſalem over all Iſrael forty years.

31 And Solomon ſlept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father. And Rehoboam his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. X.

Rehoboam refuſeth the old men's counſel, &c.

AND Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Iſrael come to make him king.

Four thouſand ſtalls, &c. ver. 25.] Greater ſtalls; in each of which were ten leſſer; in all forty thouſand.

2 And it came to paſs when Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who was in Egypt, whither he had fled from the preſence of Solomon the king, heard it, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.

3 And they ſent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Iſrael came, and ſpake to Rehoboam, ſaying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore eaſe thou ſomewhat the grievous ſervitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will ſerve thee.

5 And he ſaid unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.

6 And king Rehoboam took counſel with the old men that had ſtood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, ſaying, What counſel give ye me to return anſwer to this people?

7 And they ſpake unto him, ſaying, If thou be kind to this people, and pleaſe them, and ſpeak good words to them, they will be thy ſervants for ever.

8 But he forſook the counſel which the old men gave him, and took counſel with the young men that were brought up with him, that ſtood before him.

9 And he ſaid unto them, What advice give ye that we may return anſwer to this people, which have ſpoken to me, ſaying, Eaſe ſomewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us?

10 And the young men that were brought up with him, ſpake unto him, ſaying, Thus ſhalt thou anſwer the people that ſpake unto thee, ſaying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it ſomewhat lighter for us; thus ſhalt thou ſay unto them, My little finger ſhall be thicker than my father's loins.

11 For whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chaſtiſed you with whips, but I will chaſtiſe you with ſcorpions.

12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, ſaying, Come again to me on the third day.

13 And the king anſwered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forſook the counſel of the old men,

14 And anſwered them after the advice of the young men, ſaying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chaſtiſed you with whips, but I will chaſtiſe you with ſcorpions.

15 So the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cauſe was of God, that the Lord might perform his word which he ſpake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat.

16 ¶ And when all Iſrael ſaw that the king would not hearken unto them, the people anſwered the king, ſaying, What portion have we in David? and we have none inheritance in the ſon of Jeſſe: every man to your tents, O Iſrael: and now, David, ſee to thine own houſe. So all Iſrael went to their tents.

17 But as for the children of Iſrael that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 ¶ Then king Rehoboam ſent Hadoram that was over the tribute; and the children of Iſrael ſtoned him with ſtones, that he died. But king Rehoboam made ſpeed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jeruſalem.

19 And Iſrael rebelled againſt the houſe of David unto this day.

CHAP. XI.

Rehoboam raiſing an army to ſubdue Iſrael, is forbidden by Shemaiah, &c.

AND when Rehoboam was come to Jeruſalem, he gathered of the houſe of Judah and Benjamin an hundred and fourſcore thouſand choſen men which were warriors, to fight againſt Iſrael, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam.

2 But the word of the Lord came to Shemaiah the man of God, ſaying,

3 Speak unto Rehoboam the ſon of Solomon king of Judah, and to all Iſrael in Judah and Benjamin, ſaying,

4 Thus ſaith the Lord, Ye ſhall not go up, nor fight againſt your brethren: return every man to his houſe: for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the Lord, and returned from going againſt Jeroboam.

5 And Rehoboam dwelt in Jeruſalem, and built cities for defence in Judah.

6 He built even Beth-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,

7 And Beth-zur, and Shoco, and Adullam,

8 And Gath, and Mareſhah, and Ziph,

9 And Adoraim, and Lachiſh, and Azekah,

10 And Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah, and in Benjamin, fenced cities.

11 And he fortified the ſtrong holds, and put captains in them, and ſtore of victual, and of oil and wine.

12 And in every ſeveral city he put ſhields and ſpears, and made them exceeding ſtrong, having Judah and Benjamin on his ſide.

13 And the prieſts, and the Levites, that were in all Iſrael, reſorted to him out of all their coaſts.

14 For the Levites left their ſuburbs and their poſſeſſion, and came to Judah and Jeruſalem: for Jeroboam and his ſons had caſt them off from executing the prieſts' office unto the Lord:

15 And he ordained him prieſts for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made.

16 And after them, out of all the tribes of Iſrael, ſuch as ſet their hearts to ſeek the Lord God of Iſrael, came to Jeruſalem, to ſacrifice unto the Lord God of their fathers.

17 So they ſtrengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the ſon of Solomon ſtrong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.

18 ¶ And Rehoboam took him Mahalath, the daughter of Jerimoth the ſon of David, to wife, and Abi-

Caſt them off, ver. 14.] Forbad them to go up to Jeruſalem to execute the prieſts' office there, and entertained others in their ſtead for his own worſhip.

hail the daughter of Eliab the ſon of Jeſſe;

19 Which bare him children; Jeuſh, and Shamariah, and Zaham.

20 And after her, he took Maachah the daughter of Abſalom which bare him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.

21 And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Abſalom above all his wives and his concubines; (for he took eighteen wives and threeſcore concubines: and begat twenty and eight ſons, and threeſcore daughters.)

22 And Rehoboam made Abijah the ſon of Maachah the chief, to be ruler among his brethren: for he thought to make him king.

23 And he dealt wiſely, and diſperſed of all his children throughout all the countries of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city; and he gave them victual in abundance. And he deſired many wives.

CHAP. XII.

Rehoboam, forſaking God, is puniſhed by Shiſhak: his reign and death.

AND it came to paſs when Rehoboam had eſtabliſhed the kingdom, and had ſtrengthened himſelf, he forſook the law of the Lord, and all Iſrael with him.

2 And it came to paſs that, in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, Shiſhak king of Egypt came up againſt Jeruſalem, becauſe they had tranſgreſſed againſt the Lord,

3 With twelve hundred chariots, and threeſcore thouſand horſemen: and the people were without number that came with him out of Egypt, the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopians.

4 And he took the fenced cities which pertained to Judah, and came to Jeruſalem.

5 Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah that were gathered together to Jeruſalem becauſe of Shiſhak, and ſaid unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord, Ye have forſaken me, and therefore have I alſo left you in the hand of Shiſhak.

6 Whereupon the princes of Iſrael and the king humbled themſelves; and they ſaid, The Lord is righteous.

7 And when the Lord ſaw that they humbled themſelves, the word of the Lord came to Shemaiah, ſaying, They have humbled themſelves: therefore I will not deſtroy them, but I will grant them ſome deliverance; and my wrath ſhall not be poured out upon Jeruſalem by the hand of Shiſhak.

8 Nevertheleſs, they ſhall be his ſervants; that they may know my ſervice and the ſervice of the kingdoms of the countries.

9 So Shiſhak king of Egypt came up againſt Jeruſalem, and took away the treaſures of the houſe of the Lord, and the treaſures of the king's houſe; he took all: he carried away alſo the ſhields of gold which Solomon had made.

10 Inſtead of which king Rehoboam made ſhields of braſs, and committed them to the hands of the chief of the

guard, that kept the entrance of the king's houſe.

11 And when the king entered into the houſe of the Lord the guard came and fetched them, and brought them again into the guard-chamber.

12 And when he humbled himſelf, the wrath of the Lord turned from him, that he would not deſtroy him altogether: and alſo in Judah things went well.

13 ¶ So king Rehoboam ſtrengthened himſelf in Jeruſalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam was one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned ſeventeen years in Jeruſalem, the city which the Lord had choſen out of all the tribes of Iſrael to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah, an Ammoniteſs.

14 And he did evil, becauſe he prepared not his heart to ſeek the Lord.

15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, firſt and laſt, are they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the ſeer concerning genealogies? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

16 And Rehoboam ſlept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. And Abijah his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XIII.

Abijah ſucceeding, maketh war againſt Jeroboam, and overcometh him.

NOW in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jeruſalem. His mother's name alſo was Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

3 And Abijah ſet the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thouſand choſen men: Jeroboam alſo ſet the battle in array againſt him with eight hundred thouſand choſen men, being mighty men of valour.

4 And Abijah ſtood up upon mount Zemaraim, which is in mount Ephraim, and ſaid, Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Iſrael;

5 Ought ye not to know that the Lord God of Iſrael gave the kingdom over Iſrael to David for ever, even to him and to his ſons by a covenant of ſalt?

6 Yet Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, the ſervant of Solomon the ſon of David, is riſen up, and hath rebelled againſt his lord.

7 And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Belial, and have ſtrengthened themſelves againſt Rehoboam the ſon of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withſtand them.

8 And now ye think to withſtand the kingdom of the Lord in the hand of the ſons of David; and ye be a great multitude, and there are with you golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.

9 Have ye not caſt out the prieſts of the Lord the ſons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you prieſts

after the manner of the nations of other lands? ſo that whoſoever cometh to conſecrate himſelf with a young bullock, and ſeven rams, the ſame may be a prieſt of them that are no gods.

10 But as for us, the Lord is our God, and we have not forſaken him: and the prieſts which miniſter unto the Lord are the ſons of Aaron, and the Levites wait upon their buſineſs:

11 And they burn unto the Lord every morning and every evening burnt-ſacrifices and ſweet incenſe: the ſhew-bread alſo ſet they in order upon the pure table: and the candleſtick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the Lord our God: but ye have forſaken him.

12 And behold, God himſelf is with us for our captain, and his prieſts with ſounding trumpets to cry alarm againſt you. O children of Iſrael, fight ye not againſt the Lord God of your fathers; for ye ſhall not proſper.

13 ¶ But Jeroboam cauſed an ambuſhment to come about behind them: ſo they were before Judah, and the ambuſhment was behind them.

14 And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind; and they cried unto the Lord, and the prieſts ſounded with the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Judah gave a ſhout: and as the men of Judah ſhouted, it came to paſs that God ſmote Jeroboam and all Iſrael before Abijah and Judah.

16 And the children of Iſrael fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand.

17 And Abijah and his people ſlew them with a great ſlaughter: ſo there fell down ſlain of Iſrael five hundred thouſand choſen men.

18 Thus the children of Iſrael were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, becauſe they relied upon the Lord God of their fathers.

19 And Abijah purſued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Bethel with the towns thereof, and Jeſhanah with the towns thereof, and Ephraim with the towns thereof.

20 Neither did Jeroboam recover ſtrength again in the days of Abijah: and the Lord ſtruck him, and he died.

21 But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two ſons, and ſixteen daughters.

22 And the reſt of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his ſayings, are written in the ſtory of the prophet Iddo.

CHAP. XIV.

Aſa ſucceeding, deſtroyeth idolatry.

SO Abijah ſlept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David, and Aſa his ſon reigned in his ſtead: in his days the land was quiet ten years.

2 And Aſa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God.

Sounded with the trumpets, ver. 14.] To ſtrengthen their faith in God's promiſe, and to encourage the ſoldiers.

3 For he took away the altars of the ſtrange gods, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves:

4 And commanded Judah to ſeek the Lord God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.

5 Alſo he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.

6 And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had reſt, and he had no war in thoſe years; becauſe the Lord had given him reſt.

7 Therefore he ſaid unto Judah, Let us build theſe cities, and make about them walls and towers, gates and bars, while the land is yet before us; becauſe we have ſought the Lord our God, we have ſought him, and he hath given us reſt on every ſide: ſo they built and proſpered.

8 And Aſa had an army of men that bare targets and ſpears out of Judah three hundred thouſand, and out of Benjamin, that bare ſhields and drew bows, two hundred and fourſcore thouſand: all theſe were mighty men of valour.

9 ¶ And there came out againſt them Zerah the Ethiopian with a hoſt of a thouſand thouſand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto Mareſhah.

10 Then Aſa went out againſt him, and they ſet the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareſhah.

11 And Aſa cried unto the Lord his God, and ſaid, Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O Lord our God: for we reſt on thee, and in thy name we go againſt this multitude. O Lord, thou art our God, let not man prevail againſt thee.

12 So the Lord ſmote the Ethiopians before Aſa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled.

13 And Aſa and the people that were with him purſued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themſelves; for they were deſtroyed before the Lord and before his hoſt; and they carried away very much ſpoil.

14 And they ſmote all the cities round about Gerar; for the fear of the Lord came upon them: and they ſpoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding much ſpoil in them.

15 They ſmote alſo the tents of cattle, and carried away ſheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jeruſalem.

CHAP. XV.

Aſa, moved by Azariah, maketh a ſolemn covenant with God.

AND the ſpirit of God came upon Azariah the ſon of Oded.

2 And he went down to meet Aſa, and ſaid unto him, Hear ye me, Aſa, and all Judah and Benjamin; the Lord is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye ſeek him, he will be found of you: but if ye forſake him, he will forſake you.

In thy name we go, ver. 11.] in confidence of thy help, and for the maintaining of thy honour, and ſervice, and people.

3 Now for a long ſeaſon Iſrael hath been without the true God, and without a teaching prieſt, and without law.

4 But when they in their trouble did turn unto the Lord God of Iſrael, and ſought him, he was found of them.

5 And in thoſe times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries.

6 And nation was deſtroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adverſity.

7 Be ye ſtrong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work ſhall be rewarded.

8 And when Aſa heard theſe words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the Lord that was before the porch of the Lord.

9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the ſtrangers with them, out of Ephraim and Manaſſeh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Iſrael in abundance, when they ſaw that the Lord his God was with him.

10 So they gathered themſelves together at Jeruſalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Aſa.

11 And they offered unto the Lord, the ſame time, of the ſpoil which they had brought, ſeven hundred oxen, and ſeven thouſand ſheep.

12 And they entered into a covenant to ſeek the Lord God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their ſoul.

13 That whoſoever would not ſeek the Lord God of Iſrael ſhould be put to death, whether ſmall or great, whether man or woman.

14 And they ſware unto the Lord with a loud voice, and with ſhouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.

15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had ſworn with all their heart, and ſought him with their whole deſire, and he was found of them: and the Lord gave them reſt round about.

16 ¶ And alſo concerning Maachah the mother of Aſa the king, he removed her from being queen, becauſe ſhe had made an idol in a grove: and Aſa cut down her idol, and ſtamped it, and burned it at the brook Kidron.

17 But the high places were not taken away out of Iſrael: nevertheleſs, the heart of Aſa was perfect all his days.

18 And he brought into the houſe of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himſelf had dedicated, ſilver, and gold, and veſſels.

19 And there was no more war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Aſa.

CHAP. XVI.

Aſa, by the aid of the Syrians, diverteth Baaſha from building of Ramah.

IN the ſix and thirtieth year of the reign of Aſa, Baaſha king of Iſrael

came up againſt Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Aſa king of Judah.

2 And Aſa brought out ſilver and gold out of the treaſures of the houſe of the Lord, and of the king's houſe, and ſent to Ben-hadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damaſcus, ſaying,

3 There is a league between me and thee, as there was between my father and thy father: behold, I have ſent thee ſilver and gold; go, break thy league with Baaſha king of Iſrael, that he may depart from me.

4 And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Aſa, and ſent the captains of his armies againſt the cities of Iſrael; and they ſmote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelmaim, and all the ſtore-cities of Naphtali.

5 And it came to paſs, when Baaſha heard it, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work ceaſe.

6 Then Aſa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the ſtones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baaſha was building; and builded therewith Geba and Mizpah.

7 And at that time Hanani the ſeer came to Aſa king of Judah, and ſaid unto him, Becauſe thou haſt relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the Lord thy God, therefore is the hoſt of the king of Syria eſcaped out of thine hand.

8 Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge hoſt, with very many chariots and horſemen? yet, becauſe thou didſt rely on the Lord, he delivered them into thine hand.

9 For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to ſhew himſelf ſtrong in the behalf of them whoſe heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou haſt done fooliſhly: therefore from henceforth thou ſhalt have wars.

10 Then Aſa was wroth with the ſeer, and put him in a priſon houſe: for he was in a rage with him becauſe of this thing. And Aſa oppreſſed ſome of the people at the ſame time.

11 ¶ And behold the acts of Aſa, firſt and laſt, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Iſrael.

12 And Aſa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diſeaſed in his feet, until his diſeaſe was exceeding great: yet in his diſeaſe he ſought not to the Lord, but to the phyſicians.

13 ¶ And Aſa ſlept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

14 And they buried him in his own ſepulchre, which he had made for himſelf in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with ſweet odours and divers kinds of ſpices prepared by the apothecarie's art: and they made a very great burning for him.

CHAP. XVII.

Jehoſhaphat reigneth well, and proſpereth.

AND Jehoſhaphat his ſon reigned in his ſtead, and ſtrengthened himſelf againſt Iſrael.

2 And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and ſet garriſons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Aſa his father had taken.

3 And the Lord was with Jehoſhaphat, becauſe he walked in the firſt ways of his father David, and ſought not unto Baalim;

4 But ſought to the Lord God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Iſrael.

5 Therefore the Lord ſtabliſhed the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoſhaphat preſents; and he had riches and honour in abundance.

6 And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the Lord: moreover, he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.

7 ¶ Alſo in the third year of his reign he ſent to his princes, even to Ben-hail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah.

8 And with them he ſent Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Aſahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, Levites; and with them, Eliſhama, and Jehoram, prieſts.

9 And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of the Lord with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

10 And the fear of the Lord fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, ſo that they made no war againſt Jehoſhaphat.

11 Alſo ſome of the Philiſtines brought Jehoſhaphat preſents, and tribute ſilver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, ſeven thouſand and ſeven hundred rams, and ſeven thouſand and ſeven hundred he-goats.

12 ¶ and Jehoſhaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah caſtles, and cities of ſtore.

13 And he had much buſineſs in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valour, were in Jeruſalem.

14 And theſe are the numbers of them according to the houſe of their fathers; of Judah the captains of thouſands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valour three hundred thouſand.

15 And next to him was Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourſcore thouſand.

16 And next him was Amaſiah the ſon of Zichri, who willingly offered himſelf unto the Lord; and with him two hundred thouſand mighty men of valour.

17 And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valour, and with him armed men with bow and ſhield two hundred thouſand.

18 And next him was Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourſcore thouſand ready prepared for the war.

19 Theſe waited on the king, beſide thoſe whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

His heart was lifted up, &c. ver. 6.] He became zealous and courageous in God's cauſe, his heart being raiſed above diſcouragements, difficulties, and fears.

CHAP. XVIII.

Jehoſhaphat goeth with Ahab againſt Ramoth-gilead, &c.

NOW Jehoſhaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab.

2 And after certain years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed ſheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that he had with him, and perſuaded him to go up with him to Ramoth-gilead.

3 And Ahab king of Iſrael ſaid unto Jehoſhaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he anſwered him, I am as thou art, and my people as thy people: and we will be with thee in the war.

4 ¶ And Jehoſhaphat ſaid unto the king of Iſrael, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the Lord to-day.

5 Therefore the king of Iſrael gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and ſaid unto them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or ſhall I forbear? And they ſaid, Go up; for God will deliver it into the king's hand.

6 But Jehoſhaphat ſaid, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord beſides, that we might enquire of him?

7 And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto Jehoſhaphat, There is yet one man, by whom we may enquire of the Lord: but I hate him; for he never propheſied good unto me, but always evil: the ſame is Micaiah the ſon of Imla. And Jehoſhaphat ſaid, Let not the king ſay ſo.

8 And the king of Iſrael called for one of his officers, and ſaid, Fetch quickly Micaiah the ſon of Imla.

9 And the king of Iſrael, and Jehoſhaphat king of Judah, ſat either of them on his throne, clothed in their robes, and they ſat in a void place, at the entering-in of the gate of Samaria: and all the prophets propheſied before them.

10 And Zedekiah, the ſon of Chenaanah, had made him horns of iron, and ſaid, Thus ſaith the Lord, With theſe thou ſhalt puſh Syria until they be conſumed.

11 And all the prophets propheſied ſo, ſaying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and proſper: for the Lord ſhall deliver it into the hand of the king.

12 And the meſſenger that went to call Micaiah, ſpake to him, ſaying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one aſſent; let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of their's, and ſpeak thou good.

13 And Micaiah ſaid, As the Lord liveth, even what my God ſaith, that will I ſpeak.

14 And when he was come to the king, the king ſaid unto him, Micaiah, ſhall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or ſhall I forbear? And he ſaid, Go ye up, and proſper, and they ſhall be delivered into your hand.

15 And the king ſaid to him, How many times ſhall I adjure thee that thou ſay nothing but the truth to me in the name of the Lord?

16 Then he ſaid, I did ſee all Iſrael ſcattered upon the mountains, as ſheep that have no ſhepherd. And the Lord ſaid, Theſe have no maſter; let them return therefore every man to his houſe in peace.

17 And the king of Iſrael ſaid to Jehoſhaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophecy good unto me, but evil?

18 Again he ſaid, Therefore hear the word of the Lord; I ſaw the Lord ſitting upon his throne, and all the hoſt of heaven ſtanding on his right hand and on his left.

19 And the Lord ſaid, Who ſhall entice Ahab king of Iſrael, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one ſpake, ſaying after this manner, and another ſaying after that manner.

20 Then there came out a ſpirit, and ſtood before the Lord, and ſaid, I will entice him. And the Lord ſaid unto him, Wherewith?

21 And he ſaid, I will go out, and be a lying ſpirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And the Lord ſaid, Thou ſhalt entice him, and thou ſhalt alſo prevail: go out, and do even ſo.

22 Now therefore behold, the Lord hath put a lying ſpirit in the mouth of theſe thy prophets, and the Lord hath ſpoken evil againſt thee.

23 Then Zedekiah the ſon of Chenaanah came near, and ſmote Micaiah upon the cheek, and ſaid, Which way went the ſpirit of the Lord from me to ſpeak unto thee?

24 And Micaiah ſaid, Behold, thou ſhalt ſee on that day when thou ſhalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyſelf.

25 Then the king of Iſrael ſaid, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joaſh the king's ſon;

26 And ſay, Thus ſaith the king, Put this fellow in the priſon, and feed him with bread of affliction, and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.

27 And Micaiah ſaid, If thou certainly return in peace, then hath not the Lord ſpoken by me. And he ſaid, Hearken, all ye people.

28 So the king of Iſrael, and Jehoſhaphat the king of Judah, went up to Ramoth-gilead.

29 And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto Jehoſhaphat, I will diſguiſe myſelf, and will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Iſrael diſguiſed himſelf; and they went to the battle.

30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that were with him, ſaying, Fight ye not with ſmall or great, ſave only with the king of Iſrael.

31 And it came to paſs, when the captains of the chariots ſaw Jehoſhaphat, that they ſaid, It is the king of Iſrael. Therefore they compaſſed about him to fight: but Jehoſhaphat cried out, and the Lord helped him, and God moved them to depart from him.

32 For it came to paſs, that when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Iſrael, they turned back again from purſuing him.

33 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and ſmote the king of Iſrael between the joints of the harneſs: therefore he ſaid to his chariot-man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayeſt carry me out of the hoſt; for I am wounded.

34 And the battle increaſed that day: howbeit, the king of Iſrael ſtayed himſelf up in his chariot againſt the Syrians until the even: and about the time of the ſun going down he died.

CHAP. XIX.

Jehoſhaphat viſiteth his kingdom, &c.

AND Jehoſhaphat the king of Judah returned to his houſe in peace in Jeruſalem.

2 And Jehu the ſon of Hanani the ſeer went out to meet him, and ſaid to king Jehoſhaphat, Shouldeſt thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the Lord.

3 Nevertheleſs, there are good things found in thee, in that thou haſt taken away the groves out of the land, and haſt prepared thine heart to ſeek God.

4 And Jehoſhaphat dwelt at Jeruſalem: and he went out again through the people, from Beer-ſheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the Lord God of their fathers.

5 ¶ And he ſet judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city;

6 And ſaid to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the Lord, who is with you in the judgement.

7 Wherefore, now let the fear of the Lord be upon you; take heed, and do it: for there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, nor reſpect of perſons, nor taking of gifts.

8 Moreover, in Jeruſalem did Jehoſhaphat ſet of the Levites, and of the prieſts, and of the chief of the fathers of Iſrael, for the judgement of the Lord, and for controverſies, when they returned to Jeruſalem.

9 And he charged them, ſaying, Thus ſhall ye do in the fear of the Lord, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

10 And what cauſe ſoever ſhall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, ſtatutes and judgements, ye ſhall even warn them that they treſpaſs not againſt the Lord, and ſo wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye ſhall not treſpaſs.

11 And behold, Amariah the chief prieſt is over you in all matters of the Lord; and Zebadiah the ſon of Iſhmael the ruler of the houſe of Judah, for all the king's matters; alſo the Levites ſhall be officers before you. Deal courageouſly, and the Lord ſhall be with the good.

CHAP. XX.

Jehoſhaphat proclaimeth a faſt, &c.

IT came to paſs after this alſo, that the children of Moab, and the children

Who is with you in the judgement, ver. 6.] To defend you, if you judge rightly; or puniſh you, if ye do otherwiſe.

of Ammon, and with them other beſide the Ammonites, came againſt Jehoſhaphat to battle.

2 Then there came ſome that told Jehoſhaphat, ſaying, There cometh a great multitude againſt thee from beyond the ſea on this ſide Syria; and behold, they be in Hazazon-tamar, which is En-gedi.

3 And Jehoſhaphat feared, and ſet himſelf to ſeek the Lord, and proclaimed a faſt throughout all Judah.

4 And Judah gathered themſelves together to aſk help of the Lord: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to ſeek the Lord.

5 ¶ And Jehoſhaphat ſtood in the congregation of Judah and Jeruſalem, in the houſe of the Lord, before the new court,

6 And ſaid, O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and ruleſt not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, ſo that none is able to withſtand thee?

7 Art not thou our God, who didſt drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Iſrael, and gaveſt it to the ſeed of Abraham thy friend for ever?

8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a ſanctuary therein for thy name, ſaying,

9 If, when evil cometh upon us, as the ſword, judgement, or peſtilence, or famine, we ſtand before this houſe, and in thy preſence, (for thy name is in this houſe,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.

10 And now, behold, the children of Ammon, and Moab, and mount Seir, whom thou wouldeſt not let Iſrael invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and deſtroyed them not;

11 Behold, I ſay, how they reward us, to come to caſt us out of thy poſſeſſion, which thou haſt given us to inherit.

12 O, our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might againſt this great company that cometh againſt us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.

13 And all Judah ſtood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives and their children.

14 ¶ Then upon Jahaziel the ſon of Zechariah, the ſon of Benaiah, the ſon of Jehiel, the ſon of Mattaniah, a Levite of the ſons of Aſaph, came the ſpirit of the Lord in the midſt of the congregation;

15 And he ſaid, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jeruſalem, and thou king Jehoſhaphat, Thus ſaith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid, nor diſmayed, by reaſon of this great multitude; for the battle is not your's, but God's.

16 To-morrow go ye down againſt them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz, and ye ſhall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderneſs of Jeruel.

17 Ye ſhall not need to fight in this battle: ſet yourſelves, ſtand ye ſtill, and ſee the ſalvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jeruſalem: fear not,

Jehoſhaphat feared, ver. 3.] Partly through human frailty, and partly through remembrance of thoſe judgements denounced againſt him.

nor be diſmayed; to-morrow go out againſt them: for the Lord will be with you.

18 And Jehoſhaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem fell before the Lord, worſhipping the Lord.

19 And the Levites of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, ſtood up to praiſe the Lord God of Iſrael with a loud voice on high.

20 And they roſe early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderneſs of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoſhaphat ſtood and ſaid, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jeruſalem; Believe in the Lord your God, ſo ſhall ye be eſtabliſhed; believe his prophets, ſo ſhall ye proſper.

21 And when he had conſulted with the people, he appointed ſingers unto the Lord, and that ſhould praiſe the beauty of holineſs as they went out before the army, and to ſay, Praiſe the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever.

22 ¶ And when they began to ſing and to praiſe, the Lord ſet ambuſhments againſt the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come againſt Judah; and they were ſmitten.

23 For the children of Ammon and Moab ſtood up againſt the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to ſlay and deſtroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to deſtroy another.

24 And when Judah came toward the watch-tower in the wilderneſs, they looked unto the multitude, and behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none eſcaped.

25 And when Jehoſhaphat and his people came to take away the ſpoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches, with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they ſtripped off for themſelves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the ſpoil; it was ſo much.

26 And on the fourth day they aſſembled themſelves in the valley of Berachah; for there they bleſſed the Lord. Therefore the name of the ſame place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day.

27 Then they returned every man of Judah and Jeruſalem, and Jehoſhaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jeruſalem with joy; for the Lord had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

28 And they came to Jeruſalem with pſalteries, and harps, and trumpets, unto the houſe of the Lord.

29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of thoſe countries, when they had heard that the Lord fought againſt the enemies of Iſrael.

30 So the realm of Jehoſhaphat was quiet: for his God gave him reſt round about.

31 ¶ And Jehoſhaphat reigned over Judah: he was thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jeruſalem. And his mother's name was Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.

With a loud voice on high, ver. 19.] With heart and voice lifted up, in token of full aſſurance of victory.

32 And he walked in the way of Aſa his father, and departed not from it, doing that which was right in the ſight of the Lord.

33 Howbeit, the high places were not taken away: for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers.

34 Now the reſt of the acts of Jehoſhaphat, firſt and laſt, behold, they are written in the book of Jehu the ſon of Hanani, who is mentioned in the book of the kings of Iſrael.

35 And after this did Jehoſhaphat king of Judah join himſelf with Ahaziah king of Iſrael, who did very wickedly:

36 And he joined himſelf with him to make ſhips to go to Tarſhiſh: and they made the ſhips in Ezion-gaber.

37 Then Eliezer the ſon of Dodavah of Mareſhah propheſied againſt Jehoſhaphat, ſaying, Becauſe thou haſt joined thyſelf with Ahaziah, the Lord hath broken thy works. And the ſhips were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarſhiſh.

CHAP. XXI.

Jehoram ſucceedeth Jehoſhaphat, &c.

NOW Jehoſhaphat ſlept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

2 And he had brethren the ſons of Jehoſhaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah. All theſe were the ſons of Jehoſhaphat king of Iſrael.

3 And their father gave them great gifts of ſilver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram; becauſe he was the firſt-born.

4 Now when Jehoram was riſen up to the kingdom of his father, he ſtrengthened himſelf, and ſlew all his brethren with the ſword, and divers alſo of the princes of Iſrael.

5 ¶ Jehoram was thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jeruſalem.

6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Iſrael, like as did the houſe of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord.

7 Howbeit, the Lord would not deſtroy the houſe of David, becauſe of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promiſed, to give a light to him and to his ſons for ever.

8 In his days the Edomites revolted from under the dominion of Judah, and made themſelves a king.

9 Then Jehoram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he roſe up by night, and ſmote the Edomites which compaſſed him in, and the captains of the chariots.

10 So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The ſame time alſo did Libnah revolt from under his hand; becauſe he had forſaken the Lord God of his fathers.

11 Moreover, he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and cauſed the inhabitants of Jeruſalem to com-

Had not prepared their hearts, ver. 33.] Though they complied outwardly with ſome reformation, yet their hearts were not thoroughly purged from their idols.

mit fornication, and compelled Judah thereto.

12 And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, ſaying, Thus ſaith the Lord God of David thy father, Becauſe thou haſt not walked in the ways of Jehoſhaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Aſa king of Judah,

13 But haſt walked in the way of the kings of Iſrael, and haſt made Judah and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the houſe of Ahab, and alſo haſt ſlain thy brethren of thy father's houſe, which were better than thyſelf:

14 Behold, with a great plague will the Lord ſmite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods:

15 And thou ſhalt have great ſickneſs by diſeaſe of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out, by reaſon of the ſickneſs, day by day.

16 Moreover, the Lord ſtirred up againſt Jehoram the ſpirit of the Philiſtines, and of the Arabians, that were near the Ethiopians:

17 And they came up unto Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the ſubſtance that was found in the king's houſe, and his ſons alſo and his wives; ſo that there was never a ſon left him, ſave Jehoahaz the youngeſt of his ſons.

18 ¶ And after all this the Lord ſmote him in his bowels with an incurable diſeaſe.

19 And it came to paſs that, in proceſs of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reaſon of his ſickneſs: ſo he died of ſore diſeaſes. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

20 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jeruſalem eight years, and departed without being deſired. Howbeit, they buried him in the city of David, but not in the ſepulchres of the kings.

CHAP. XXII.

Ahaziah ſucceeding, reigneth wickedly.

AND the inhabitants of Jeruſalem made Ahaziah his youngeſt ſon king in his ſtead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had ſlain all the eldeſt. So Ahaziah the ſon of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.

2 Forty and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jeruſalem. His mother's name alſo was Athaliah the daughter of Omri.

3 He alſo walked in the ways of the houſe of Ahab: for his mother was his counſellor to do wickedly.

4 Wherefore he did evil in the ſight of the Lord, like the houſe of Ahab: for they were his counſellors, after the death of his father, to his deſtruction.

5 ¶ He walked alſo after their counſel, and went with Jehoram the ſon of Ahab king of Iſrael to war againſt Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians ſmote Joram.

6 And he returned to be healed in Jezreel, becauſe of the wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he

Forty and two years old, ver. 2.] *i. e.* It was forty-two years from the beginning of that family he was of, by his mother's ſide, viz. Omri's, (2 Kings, 8. 26.) to the beginning of his reign.

fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the ſon of Jehoram king of Judah went down to ſee Jehoram the ſon of Ahab at Jezreel, becauſe he was ſick.

7 And the deſtruction of Ahaziah was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram againſt Jehu the ſon of Nimſhi, whom the Lord had anointed to cut off the houſe of Ahab.

8 And it came to paſs, that when Jehu was executing judgement upon the houſe of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the ſons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that miniſtered to Ahaziah, he ſlew them.

9 And he ſought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had ſlain him, they buried him, becauſe, ſaid they, He is the ſon of Jehoſhaphat, who ſought the Lord with all his heart. So the houſe of Ahaziah had no power to keep ſtill the kingdom.

10 ¶ But when Athaliah, the mother of Ahaziah, ſaw that her ſon was dead, ſhe aroſe, and deſtroyed all the ſeed royal of the houſe of Judah.

11 But Jehoſhabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joaſh the ſon of Ahaziah, and ſtole him from among the king's ſons that were ſlain, and put him and his nurſe in a bed-chamber. So Jehoſhabeath the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the prieſt (for ſhe was the ſiſter of Ahaziah) hid him from Athaliah, ſo that ſhe ſlew him not.

12 And he was with them hid in the houſe of God ſix years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

CHAP. XXIII.

Jehoiada maketh Joaſh king, &c.

AND in the ſeventh year Jehoiada ſtrengthened himſelf, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the ſon of of Jeroham, and Iſhmael the ſon of Jehohanan, and Azariah the ſon of Obed, and Maaſeiah the ſon of Adaiah, and Eliſhaphat the ſon of Zichri, into covenant with him.

2 And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Iſrael, and they came to Jeruſalem.

3 And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the houſe of God. And he ſaid unto them, Behold, the king's ſon ſhall reign, as the Lord hath ſaid of the ſons of David.

4 This is the thing that ye ſhall do; A third part of you entering on the ſabbath, of the prieſts and of the Levites, ſhall be porters of the doors;

5 And a third part ſhall be at the king's houſe; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people ſhall be in the courts of the houſe of the Lord.

6 But let none come into the houſe of the Lord, ſave the prieſts, and they that miniſter of the Levites; they ſhall go in, for they are holy: but all the people ſhall keep the watch of the Lord.

7 And the Levites ſhall compaſs the king round about, every man with his

He was hid in Samaria, ver. 9.] But firſt in Megiddo, then in Samaria, where he was taken and ſent to Megiddo, and put to death there.

weapons in his hand: and whoſoever elſe cometh into the houſe, he ſhall be put to death: but be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.

8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the prieſt had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the ſabbath, with them that were to go out on the ſabbath: for Jehoiada the prieſt diſmiſſed not the courſes.

9 Moreover, Jehoiada the prieſt delivered to the captains of hundreds ſpears, and bucklers, and ſhields, that had been king David's, which were in the houſe of God.

10 And he ſet all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right ſide of the temple to the left ſide of the temple, along by the altar, and the temple, by the king round about.

11 Then they brought out the king's ſon, and put upon him the crown, and gave him the teſtimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his ſons anointed him, and ſaid, God ſave the king.

12 ¶ Now when Athaliah heard the noiſe of the people running and praiſing the king, ſhe came to the people into the houſe of the Lord.

13 And ſhe looked, and behold, the king ſtood at his pillar, at the entering in, and the princes, and the trumpets, by the king: and all the people of the land rejoiced, and ſounded with trumpets, alſo the ſingers with inſtruments of muſic, and ſuch as taught to ſing praiſe. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and ſaid, Treaſon, treaſon.

14 Then Jehoiada the prieſt brought out the captains of hundreds that were ſet over the hoſt, and ſaid unto them, Have her forth of the ranges: and whoſo followeth her, let him be ſlain with the ſword. For the prieſt ſaid, Slay her not in the houſe of the Lord.

15 So they laid hands on her; and when ſhe was come to the entering of the horſe-gate, by the king's houſe, they ſlew her there.

16 ¶ And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they ſhould be the Lord's people.

17 Then all the people went to the houſe of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and ſlew Mattan the prieſt of Baal before the altars.

18 Alſo Jehoiada appointed the offices of the houſe of the Lord by the hand of the prieſts the Levites, whom David had diſtributed in the houſe of the Lord, to offer the burnt-offerings of the Lord, as it is written in the law of Moſes, with rejoicing and with ſinging, as it was ordained by David.

19 And he ſet the porters at the gates of the houſe of the Lord, that none which was unclean in any thing ſhould enter in.

20 And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people

of the land, and brought down the king from the houſe of the Lord: and they came through the high gate into the king's houſe, and ſet the king upon the throne of the kingdom.

21 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet, after that they had ſlain Athaliah with the ſword.

CHAP. XXIV.

Joaſh beginneth to reign well, &c.

JOASH was ſeven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jeruſalem. His mother's name alſo was Zibiah of Beer-ſheba.

2 And Joaſh did that which was right in the ſight of the Lord all the days of Jehoiada the prieſt.

3 And Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he begat ſons and daughters.

4 And it came to paſs after this, that Joaſh was minded to repair the houſe of the Lord.

5 And he gathered together the prieſts and the Levites, and ſaid to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Iſrael money to repair the houſe of your God from year to year, and ſee that ye haſten the matter. Howbeit the Levites haſtened it not.

6 And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and ſaid unto him, Why haſt thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jeruſalem the collection according to the commandment of Moſes the ſervant of the Lord, and of the congregation of Iſrael, for the tabernacle of witneſs?

7 For the ſons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the houſe of God; and alſo all the dedicated things of the houſe of the Lord did they beſtow upon Baalim.

8 And at the king's commandment they made a cheſt, and ſet it without at the gate of the houſe of the Lord.

9 And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jeruſalem, to bring in to the Lord the collection that Moſes the ſervant of God laid upon Iſrael in the wilderneſs.

10 And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and caſt into the cheſt, until they had made an end.

11 Now it came to paſs, that at what time the cheſt was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they ſaw that there was much money, the king's ſcribe and the high prieſt's officer came and emptied the cheſt, and took it and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to ſuch as did the work of the ſervice of the houſe of the Lord, and hired maſons and carpenters to repair the houſe of the Lord, and alſo ſuch as wrought iron and braſs to mend the houſe of the Lord.

13 So the workmen wrought, and the work was perfected by them, and they ſet the houſe of God in his ſtate, and ſtrengthened it.

14 And when they had finiſhed it, they brought the reſt of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made veſſels for the houſe of the Lord, even veſſels to miniſter, and to offer withal, and ſpoons, and veſſels of gold and ſilver. And they offered burnt-offerings in the houſe of the Lord continually all the days of Jehoiada.

15 ¶ But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old was he when he died.

16 And they buried him in the city of David, among the kings, becauſe he had done good in Iſrael, both toward God, and toward his houſe.

17 ¶ Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeiſance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them.

18 And they left the houſe of the Lord God of their fathers, and ſerved groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jeruſalem for this their treſpaſs.

19 Yet he ſent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the Lord, and they teſtified againſt them: but they would not give ear.

20 And the ſpirit of God came upon Zechariah the ſon of Jehoiada the prieſt, which ſtood above the people, and ſaid unto them, Thus ſaith God, Why tranſgreſs ye the commandments of the Lord, that ye cannot proſper: becauſe ye have forſaken the Lord, he hath alſo forſaken you.

21 And they conſpired againſt him, and ſtoned him with ſtones at the commandment of the king, in the court of the houſe of the Lord.

22 Thus Joaſh the king remembered not the kindneſs which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but ſlew his ſon. And when he died, he ſaid, The Lord look upon it, and require it.

23 ¶ And it came to paſs at the end of the year, that the hoſt of Syria came up againſt him: and they came to Judah and Jeruſalem, and deſtroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and ſent all the ſpoil of them unto the king of Damaſcus.

24 For the army of the Syrians came with a ſmall company of men, and the Lord delivered a very great hoſt into their hand, becauſe they had forſaken the Lord God of their fathers: ſo they executed judgement againſt Joaſh.

25 And when they were departed from him (for they left him in great diſeaſes) his own ſervants conſpired againſt him, for the blood of the ſons of Jehoiada the prieſt, and ſlew him on his bed; and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the ſepulchres of the kings.

26 And theſe are they that conſpired againſt him; Zabad the ſon of Shimeath an Ammoniteſs, and Jehozabad the ſon of Shimrith a Moabiteſs.

27 Now concerning his ſons, and the greatneſs of the burdens laid upon him, and the repairing of the houſe of God, behold, they are written in the ſtory of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

Offered burnt-offerings, ver. 14.] Performed ſuch worſhip as was required, when the temple was fitted for ſervice.

CHAP. XXV.

Amaziah beginneth to reign well, &c.

AMAZIAH was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jeruſalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jeruſalem.

2 And he did that which was right in the ſight of the Lord, but not with a perfect heart.

3 ¶ Now it came to paſs, when the kingdom was eſtabliſhed to him, that he ſlew his ſervants that had killed the king his father.

4 But he ſlew not their children, but did as it is written in the law in the book of Moſes, where the Lord commanded, ſaying, The fathers ſhall not die for the children, neither ſhall the children die for the fathers, but every man ſhall die for his own ſin.

5 ¶ Moreover, Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thouſands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houſes of their fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thouſand choice men, able to go forth to war, that could handle ſpear and ſhield.

6 He hired alſo an hundred thouſand mighty men of valour out of Iſrael for an hundred talents of ſilver.

7 But there came a man of God to him, ſaying, O king, let not the army of Iſrael go with thee: for the Lord is not with Iſrael, to wit, with all the children of Ephraim.

8 But if thou wilt go, do it, be ſtrong for the battle: God ſhall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to caſt down.

9 And Amaziah ſaid to the man of God, But what ſhall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Iſrael? And the man of God anſwered, The Lord is able to give thee much more than this.

10 Then Amaziah ſeparated them, to wit, the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again: wherefore their anger was greatly kindled againſt Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

11 ¶ And Amaziah ſtrengthened himſelf, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of ſalt, and ſmote of the children of Seir ten thouſand.

12 And other ten thouſand left alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and caſt them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces.

13 But the ſoldiers of the army which Amaziah ſent back, that they ſhould not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and ſmote three thouſand of them, and took much ſpoil.

14 Now it came to paſs, after that Amaziah was come from the ſlaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and ſet

them up to be his gods, and bowed down himſelf before them, and burned incenſe unto them.

15 Wherefore the anger of the Lord was kindled againſt Amaziah, and he ſent unto him a prophet, which ſaid unto him, Why haſt thou ſought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand?

16 And it came to paſs as he talked with him, that the king ſaid unto him, Art thou made of the king's counſel? forbear: why ſhouldeſt thou be ſmitten? Then the prophet forbare, and ſaid, I know that God hath determined to deſtroy thee, becauſe thou haſt done this, and haſt not hearkened unto my counſel.

17 ¶ Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and ſent to Joaſh the ſon of Jehoahaz, the ſon of Jehu king of Iſrael, ſaying, Come, let us ſee one another in the face.

18 And Joaſh king of Iſrael ſent to Amaziah king of Judah, ſaying, The thiſtle that was in Lebanon ſent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, ſaying, Give thy daughter to my ſon to wife: and there paſſed by a wild beaſt that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thiſtle.

19 Thou ſayeſt, Lo, thou haſt ſmitten the Edomites, and thine heart lifteth thee up to boaſt: abide now at home; why ſhouldeſt thou meddle to thine hurt, that thou ſhouldeſt fall, even thou, and Judah with thee?

20 But Amaziah would not hear; for it came of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, becauſe they ſought after the gods of Edom.

21 So Joaſh the king of Iſrael went up; and they ſaw one another in the face, both he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Beth-ſhemeſh, which belongeth to Judah.

22 And Judah was put to the worſe before Iſrael, and they fled every man to his tent.

23 And Joaſh the king of Iſrael took Amaziah king of Judah the ſon of Joaſh the ſon of Jehoahaz at Beth-ſhemeſh, and brought him to Jeruſalem, and brake down the wall of Jeruſalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner-gate, four hundred cubits.

24 And he took all the gold and the ſilver, and all the veſſels that were found in the houſe of God with Obed-edom, and the treaſures of the king's houſe, the hoſtages alſo, and returned to Samaria.

25 ¶ And Amaziah the ſon of Joaſh king of Judah lived after the death of Joaſh ſon of Jehoahaz king of Iſrael fifteen years.

26 Now the reſt of the acts of Amaziah, firſt and laſt, behold, are they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Iſrael?

27 ¶ Now after the time that Amaziah did turn away from following the Lord, they made a conſpiracy againſt him in Jeruſalem; and he fled to Lachiſh: but they ſent to Lachiſh after him, and ſlew him there.

28 And they brought him upon horſes, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

Took advice, ver. 17.] *i. e.* How he ſhould repair the injury done to his people.

CHAP. XXVI.

Uzziah ſucceedeth his father, &c.

THEN all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was ſixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah.

2 He built Eloth, and reſtored it to Judah, after that the king ſlept with his fathers.

3 Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jeruſalem. His mother's name alſo was Jecoliah of Jeruſalem.

4 And he did that which was right in the ſight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

5 And he ſought God in the days of Zechariah who had underſtanding in the viſions of God: and as long as he ſought the Lord, God made him to proſper.

6 And he went forth and warred againſt the Philiſtines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Aſhdod, and built cities about Aſhdod, and among the Philiſtines.

7 And God helped him againſt the Philiſtines, and againſt the Arabians that dwelt in Gur-baal, and the Mehunims.

8 And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name ſpread abroad even to the entering-in of Egypt: for he ſtrengthened himſelf exceedingly.

9 Moreover, Uzziah built towers in Jeruſalem at the corner-gate, and at the valley-gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them.

10 Alſo he built towers in the deſert, and digged many wells; for he had much cattle, both in the low-country, and in the plains; huſbandmen alſo, and vine-dreſſers in the mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved huſbandry.

11 Moreover, Uzziah had an hoſt of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account, by the hand of Jeiel the ſcribe, and Maaſeiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah one of the king's captains.

12 The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valour were two thouſand and ſix hundred.

13 And under their hand was an army, three hundred thouſand and ſeven thouſand and five hundred that made war with mighty power, to help the king againſt the enemy.

14 And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the hoſt ſhields, and ſpears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and ſlings to caſt ſtones.

15 And he made in Jeruſalem engines invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to ſhoot arrows and great ſtones withal. And his name ſpread far abroad: for he was marvellouſly helped till he was ſtrong.

16 ¶ But when he was ſtrong his heart was lifted up to his deſtruction: for he tranſgreſſed againſt the Lord his God, and went into the temple of the Lord to burn incenſe upon the altar of incenſe.

17 And Azariah the prieſt went in after him, and with him fourſcore prieſts of the Lord, that were valiant men:

18 And they withſtood Uzziah the king, and ſaid unto him, It appertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incenſe unto the Lord, but to the prieſts the ſons of Aaron, that are conſecrated to burn incenſe: go out of the ſanctuary; for thou haſt treſpaſſed, neither ſhall it be for thine honour from the Lord God.

19 Then Uzziah was wroth, and had a cenſer in his hand to burn incenſe: and while he was wroth with the prieſts, the leproſy even roſe up in his forehead before the prieſts, in the houſe of the Lord, from beſide the incenſe-altar.

20 And Azariah the chief prieſt, and all the prieſts looked upon him, and behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thruſt him out from thence; yea, himſelf haſted alſo to go out, becauſe the Lord had ſmitten him.

21 And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a ſeveral houſe, being a leper: for he was cut off from the houſe of the Lord: and Jotham his ſon was over the king's houſe, judging the people of the land.

22 ¶ Now the reſt of the acts of Uzziah, firſt and laſt, did Iſaiah the prophet the ſon of Amoz write.

23 So Uzziah ſlept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which belonged to the kings: for they ſaid, He is a leper. And Jotham his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XXVII.

Jotham reigning well proſpereth.

JOTHAM was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned ſixteen years in Jeruſalem. His mother's name alſo was Jeruſhah the daughter of Zadok.

2 And he did that which was right in the ſight of the Lord, according to all that his father Uzziah did: howbeit, he entered not into the temple of the Lord. And the people did yet corruptly.

3 He built the high-gate of the houſe of the Lord, and on the wall of Ophel he built much.

4 Moreover, he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the foreſts he built caſtles and towers.

5 ¶ He fought alſo with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed againſt them. And the children of Ammon gave him the ſame year an hundred talents of ſilver, and ten thouſand meaſures of wheat, and ten thouſand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the ſecond year and the third.

6 So Jotham became mighty, becauſe he prepared his ways before the Lord his God.

7 ¶ Now the reſt of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Iſrael and Judah.

Be for thine honour, &c. ver. 18.] Expect that God will put ſome brand of diſgrace upon thee for thy preſumption.

8 He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned ſixteen years in Jeruſalem.

9 ¶ And Jotham ſlept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And Ahaz his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Ahaz, reigning wickedly, is afflicted by the Syrians, &c.

AHAZ was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned ſixteen years in Jeruſalem: but he did not that which was right in the ſight of the Lord, like David his father.

2 For he walked in the ways of the kings of Iſrael, and made alſo molten images for Baalim.

3 Moreover, he burned incenſe in the valley of the ſon of Hinnom, and burned his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the Lord had caſt out before the children of Iſrael.

4 He ſacrificed alſo, and burned incenſe in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 Wherefore the Lord his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria: and they ſmote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought them to Damaſcus. And he was alſo delivered into the hand of the king of Iſrael, who ſmote him with a great ſlaughter.

6 For Pekah the ſon of Remaliah ſlew in Judah an hundred and twenty thouſand in one day, which were all valiant men; becauſe they had forſaken the Lord God of their fathers.

7 And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, ſlew Maaſeiah the king's ſon, and Azrikam the governor of the houſe, and Elkanah that was next to the king.

8 And the children of Iſrael carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thouſand women, ſons and daughters, and took alſo away much ſpoil from them, and brought the ſpoil to Samaria.

9 But a prophet of the Lord was there, whoſe name was Oded: and he went out before the hoſt that came to Samaria, and ſaid unto them, Behold, becauſe the Lord God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have ſlain them in a rage, that reacheth up unto heaven.

10 And now ye purpoſe to keep under the children of Judah and Jeruſalem for bond-men and bond-women unto you: but are there not with you, even with you, ſins againſt the Lord your God?

11 Now hear me therefore, and deliver the captives again, which ye have taken captive of your brethren; for the fierce wrath of the Lord is upon you.

12 Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the ſon of Johanan, Berechiah the ſon of Meſhillemoth, and Jehizkiah the ſon of Shallum, and Amaſa the ſon of Hadlai, ſtood up againſt them that came from the war,

13 And ſaid unto them, Ye ſhall not bring in the captives hither: for where-

as we have offended againſt the Lord already, ye intend to add more to our ſins and to our treſpaſs: for our treſpaſs is great, and there is fierce wrath againſt Iſrael.

14 So the armed men left the captives and the ſpoil, before the princes and all the congregation.

15 And the men which were expreſſed by name roſe up, and took the captives, and with the ſpoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and ſhod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon aſſes, and brought them to Jericho the city of palm-trees, to their brethren: then they returned to Samaria.

16 At that time did king Ahaz ſend unto the kings of Aſſyria to help him.

17 For again the Edomites had come and ſmitten Judah, and carried away captives.

18 The Philiſtines alſo had invaded the cities of the low-country, and of the ſouth of Judah, and had taken Bethſhemeſh, and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and Shocho with the villages thereof, and Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo alſo and the villages thereof: and they dwelt there.

19 For the Lord brought Judah low, becauſe of Ahaz king of Iſrael: for he made Judah naked, and tranſgreſſed ſore againſt the Lord.

20 And Tilgath-pilneſer king of Aſſyria came unto him, and diſtreſſed him, but ſtrengthened him not.

21 For Ahaz took away a portion out of the houſe of the Lord, and out of the houſe of the king, and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of Aſſyria: but he helped him not.

22 And in the time of his diſtreſs did he treſpaſs yet more againſt the Lord: this is that king Ahaz.

23 For he ſacrificed unto the gods of Damaſcus, which ſmote him: and he ſaid, Becauſe the gods of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I ſacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him and of all Iſrael.

24 And Ahaz gathered together the veſſels of the houſe of God, and cut in pieces the veſſels of the houſe of God, and ſhut up the doors of the houſe of the Lord, and he made him altars in every corner of Jeruſalem.

25 And in every ſeveral city of Judah he made high places to burn incenſe unto other gods, and provoked to anger the Lord God of his fathers.

26 ¶ Now the reſt of his acts, and of all his ways, firſt and laſt, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Iſrael.

27 And Ahaz ſlept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jeruſalem: but they brought him not into the ſepulchres of the kings of Iſrael. And Hezekiah his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XXIX.

Hezekiah's good reign, &c.

HEZEKIAH began to reign when he was five and twenty years old, and

Made Judah naked, ver. 19.] Deſtitute of honour, power, wealth, and eſpecially of God's favour.

he reigned nine and twenty years in Jeruſalem. And his mother's name was Abijah the daughter of Zechariah.

2 And he did that which was right in the ſight of the Lord, according to all that David his father had done.

3 ¶ He, in the firſt year of his reign, in the firſt month, opened the doors of the houſe of the Lord, and repaired them.

4 And he brought in the prieſts and the Levites, and gathered them together into the eaſt ſtreet,

5 And ſaid unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, ſanctify now yourſelves, and ſanctify the houſe of the Lord God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthineſs out of the holy place.

6 For our fathers have treſpaſſed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord our God, and have forſaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the Lord, and turned their backs.

7 Alſo they have ſhut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incenſe, nor offered burnt-offerings in the holy place, unto the God of Iſrael.

8 Wherefore the wrath of the Lord was upon Judah and Jeruſalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to aſtoniſhment, and to hiſſing, as ye ſee with your eyes.

9 For lo, our fathers have fallen by the ſword, and our ſons, and our daughters, and our wives, are in captivity for this.

10 Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the Lord God of Iſrael, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

11 My ſons, be not now negligent: for the Lord hath choſen you to ſtand before him, to ſerve him, and that ye ſhould miniſter unto him, and burn incenſe.

12 ¶ Then the Levites aroſe, Mahath the ſon of Amaſai, and Joel the ſon of Azariah, of the ſons of the Kohathites: and of the ſons of Merari; Kiſh the ſon of Abdi, and Azariah the ſon of Jehaleleel: and of the Gerſhonites; Joah the ſon of Zimmah, and Eden the ſon of Joah:

13 And of the ſons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the ſons of Aſaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah;

14 And of the ſons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the ſons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel.

15 And they gathered their brethren, and ſanctified themſelves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the Lord, to cleanſe the houſe of the Lord.

16 And the prieſts went into the inner part of the houſe of the Lord to cleanſe it, and brought out all the uncleanneſs that they found in the temple of the Lord, into the court of the houſe of the Lord. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron.

17 Now they began on the firſt day of the firſt month to ſanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the Lord: ſo they ſanctified the houſe of the Lord in eight days, and in the ſixteenth

Make a covenant with the Lord, ver. 10.] Pious kings have frequently began the reformation of religion with a ſolemn covenant.

day of the firſt month they made an end.

18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and ſaid, We have cleanſed all the houſe of the Lord, and the altar of burnt-offering, with all the veſſels thereof, and the ſhew-bread table, with all the veſſels thereof.

19 Moreover, all the veſſels which king Ahaz in his reign did caſt away in his tranſgreſſion, have we prepared and ſanctified, and behold, they are before the altar of the Lord.

20 Then Hezekiah the king roſe early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the houſe of the Lord.

21 And they brought ſeven bullocks, and ſeven rams, and ſeven lambs, and ſeven he-goats, for a ſin-offering for the kingdom, and for the ſanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the prieſts, the ſons of Aaron, to offer them on the altar of the Lord.

22 So they killed the bullocks, and the prieſts received the blood, and ſprinkled it on the altar: likewiſe when they had killed the rams, they ſprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed alſo the lambs, and they ſprinkled the blood upon the altar.

23 And they brought forth the he-goats for the ſin-offering before the king and the congregation: and they laid their hands upon them:

24 And the prieſts killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Iſrael. For the king commanded that the burnt-offering and the ſin-offering ſhould be made for all Iſrael.

25 And he ſet the Levites in the houſe of the Lord, with cymbals, with pſalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's ſeer, and Nathan the prophet: for ſo was the commandment of the Lord by his prophets.

26 And the Levites ſtood with the inſtruments of David, and the prieſts with the trumpets.

27 And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt-offering upon the altar. And when the burnt-offering began, the ſong of the Lord began alſo with the trumpets, and with the inſtruments ordained by David king of Iſrael.

28 And all the congregation worſhipped, and the ſingers ſang, and the trumpeters ſounded: and all this continued until the burnt-offering was finiſhed.

29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king, and all that were preſent with him, bowed themſelves and worſhipped.

30 Moreover, Hezekiah the king, and the princes, commanded the Levites to ſing praiſe unto the Lord, with the words of David, and of Aſaph the ſeer. And they ſang praiſes with gladneſs, and they bowed their heads and worſhipped.

31 Then Hezekiah anſwered and ſaid, Now ye have conſecrated yourſelves unto the Lord, come near, and bring ſacrifices and thank-offerings into the houſe of the Lord. And the congregation brought in ſacrifices and thank-

Laid their hands upon them, ver. 23.] To teſtify their acknowledgement of their ſins, and that that ſacrifice was offered up in their ſtead.

offerings; and as many as were of a free heart, burnt-offerings.

32 And the number of the burnt-offerings which the congregation brought was threeſcore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all theſe were for a burnt-offering to the Lord.

33 And the conſecrated things were ſix hundred oxen, and three thouſand ſheep.

34 But the prieſts were too few, ſo that they could not ſlay all the burnt-offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them till the work was ended, and until the other prieſts had ſanctified themſelves: for the Levites were more upright in heart to ſanctify themſelves than the prieſts.

35 And alſo the burnt-offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace-offerings, and the drink-offerings for every burnt-offering. So the ſervice of the houſe of the Lord was ſet in order.

36 And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was done ſuddenly.

CHAP. XXX.

Hezekiah proclaimeth a paſſover, &c.

AND Hezekiah ſent to all Iſrael and Judah, and wrote letters alſo to Ephraim and Manaſſeh, that they ſhould come to the houſe of the Lord at Jeruſalem, to keep the paſſover unto the Lord God of Iſrael.

2 For the king had taken counſel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jeruſalem, to keep the paſſover in the ſecond month.

3 For they could not keep it at that time, becauſe the prieſts had not ſanctified themſelves ſufficiently, neither had the people gathered themſelves together to Jeruſalem.

4 And the thing pleaſed the king, and all the congregation.

5 So they eſtabliſhed a decree, to make proclamation throughout all Iſrael, from Beer-ſheba even to Dan, that they ſhould come to keep the paſſover unto the Lord God of Iſrael at Jeruſalem: for they had not done it of a long time in ſuch ſort as it was written.

6 So the poſts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Iſrael and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, ſaying, Ye children of Iſrael, turn again unto the Lord God of Abraham, Iſaac, and Iſrael, and he will return to the remnant of you that are eſcaped out of the hand of the kings of Aſſyria.

7 And be ye not like your fathers, and like your brethren, which treſpaſſed againſt the Lord God of their fathers, who therefore gave them up to deſolation, as ye ſee.

8 Now be ye not ſtiff-necked, as your fathers were, but yield yourſelves unto the Lord, and enter into his ſanctuary, which he hath ſanctified for ever: and ſerve the Lord your God, that the fierceneſs of his wrath may turn away from you.

A free heart, ver. 31.] Theſe offerings manifeſted a more noble and bountiful ſpirit than the other, becauſe in theſe the offerer had no ſhare at all.

9 For if ye turn again unto the Lord, your brethren and your children ſhall find compaſſion before them that lead them captive, ſo that they ſhall come again into this land: for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.

10 So the poſts paſſed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manaſſeh, even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to ſcorn, and mocked them.

11 Nevertheleſs, divers of Aſher, and Manaſſeh, and of Zebulun, humbled themſelves, and came to Jeruſalem.

12 Alſo in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the Lord.

13 ¶ And there aſſembled at Jeruſalem much people to keep the feaſt of unleavened bread in the ſecond month, a very great congregation,

14 And they aroſe, and took away the altars that were in Jeruſalem, and all the altars for incenſe took they away, and caſt them into the brook Kidron.

15 Then they killed the paſſover on the fourteenth day of the ſecond month: and the prieſts and the Levites were aſhamed, and ſanctified themſelves, and brought in the burnt-offerings into the houſe of the Lord.

16 And they ſtood in their place after their manner according to the law of Moſes the man of God: the prieſts ſprinkled the blood, which they received of the hand of the Levites.

17 For there were many in the congregation that were not ſanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the paſſover for every one that was not clean, to ſanctify them unto the Lord.

18 For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manaſſeh, Iſſachar, and Zebulun, had not cleanſed themſelves, yet did they eat the paſſover, otherwiſe than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, ſaying, The good Lord pardon every one

19 That prepareth his heart to ſeek God, the Lord God of his fathers, though he be not cleanſed according to the purification of the ſanctuary.

20 And the Lord hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.

21 And the children of Iſrael that were preſent at Jeruſalem kept the feaſt of unleavened bread ſeven days with great gladneſs: and the Levites and the prieſts praiſed the Lord day by day, ſinging with loud inſtruments unto the Lord.

22 And Hezekiah ſpake comfortably unto all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the Lord: and they did eat throughout the feaſt ſeven days, offering peace-offerings, and making confeſſion to the Lord God of their fathers.

23 And the whole aſſembly took counſel to keep other ſeven days: and they kept other ſeven days with gladneſs.

24 For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the congregation a thouſand bullocks, and ſeven thouſand ſheep;

That prepareth his heart, ver. 19.] That has been careful, by ſelf-examination and repentance, to bring his heart into a right frame for this ordinance.

and the princes gave to the congregation a thouſand bullocks, and ten thouſand ſheep: and a great number of prieſts ſanctified themſelves.

25 And all the congregation of Judah, with the prieſts and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out Iſrael, and the ſtrangers that came out of the land of Iſrael, and that dwelt in Judah rejoiced.

26 So there was great joy in Jeruſalem: for ſince the time of Solomon the ſon of David king of Iſrael there was not the like in Jeruſalem.

27 Then the prieſts the Levites aroſe, and bleſſed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling-place, even unto heaven.

CHAP. XXXI.

The people forward in deſtroying idolatry.

NOW when all this was finiſhed, all Iſrael that were preſent went out to the cities of Judah, and brake the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places, and the altars, out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim alſo and Manaſſeh, until they had utterly deſtroyed them all. Then all the children of Iſrael returned every man to his poſſeſſion into their own cities.

2 And Hezekiah appointed the courſes of the prieſts, and the Levites after their courſes, every man according to his ſervice, the prieſts and Levites for burnt-offerings, and for peace-offerings, to miniſter and to give thanks, and to praiſe in the gates of the tents of the Lord.

3 He appointed alſo the king's portion of his ſubſtance for the burnt-offerings, to wit, for the morning and evening burnt-offerings, and the burnt-offerings for the ſabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the ſet feaſts, as it is written in the law of the Lord.

4 Moreover, he commanded the people that dwelt in Jeruſalem to give the portion of the prieſts and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the Lord.

5 And as ſoon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Iſrael brought in abundance the firſt-fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increaſe of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly.

6 And concerning the children of Iſrael and Judah that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they alſo brought in the tithe of oxen and ſheep, and the tithe of holy things which were conſecrated unto the Lord their God, and laid them by heaps.

7 In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finiſhed them in the ſeventh month.

8 And when Hezekiah and the princes came and ſaw the heaps, they bleſſed the Lord and his people Iſrael.

9 Then Hezekiah queſtioned with the prieſts and the Levites concerning the heaps.

10 And Azariah the chief prieſt of the houſe of Zadok anſwered him, and ſaid; Since the people began to bring

the offerings into the houſe of the Lord, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the Lord hath bleſſed his people: and that which is left, is this great ſtore.

11 ¶ Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the houſe of the Lord; and they prepared them,

12 And brought in the offerings, and the tithes, and the dedicated things faithfully: over which Cononiah the the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was the next.

13 And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Aſahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Iſmachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, were overſeers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the houſe of God.

14 And Kore the ſon of Imnah the Levite, the porter toward the eaſt, was over the free-will-offerings of God to diſtribute the oblations of the Lord, and the moſt holy things.

15 And next him were Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeſhua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the prieſts, in their ſet-office, to give to their brethren by courſes, as well to the great as to the ſmall:

16 Beſide their genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, even unto every one that entereth into the houſe of the Lord, his daily portion for their ſervice in their charges according to their courſes;

17 Both to the genealogy of the prieſts by the houſe of their fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their courſes;

18 And to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their ſons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their ſet office they ſanctified themſelves in holineſs.

19 Alſo of the ſons of Aaron the prieſts, which were in the fields of the ſuburbs of their cities, in every ſeveral city the men that were expreſſed by name, to give portions to all the males among the prieſts, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies among the Levites.

20 ¶ And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought that which was good, and right, and truth, before the Lord his God.

21 And in every work that he began in the ſervice of the houſe of God, and in the law and in the commandments to ſeek his God, he did it with all his heart, and proſpered.

CHAP. XXXII.

Sennacherib invadeth Judah.

AFTER theſe things and the eſtabliſhment thereof, Sennacherib king of Aſſyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped againſt the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himſelf.

2 And when Hezekiah ſaw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purpoſed to fight againſt Jeruſalem;

The moſt holy things, ver. 14.] The remainder of the free-will-offering, the ſin-offering, the treſpaſs-offering, and the ſhew-bread.

3 He took counſel with his princes and his mighty men to ſtop the waters of the fountains which were without the city. And they did help him.

4 So there was gathered much people together, who ſtopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midſt of the land, ſaying, Why ſhould the kings of Aſſyria come and find much water?

5 Alſo he ſtrengthened himſelf, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raiſed it up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired Millo in the city of David, and made darts and ſhields in abundance.

6 And he ſet captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the ſtreet of the gate of the city, and ſpake comfortably to them, ſaying,

7 Be ſtrong and courageous, be not afraid nor diſmayed for the king of Aſſyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him.

8 With him is an arm of fleſh; but with us is the Lord our God, to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people reſted themſelves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

9 After this did Sennacherib king of Aſſyria ſend his ſervants to Jeruſalem (but he himſelf laid ſiege againſt Lachiſh, and all his power with him) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that were at Jeruſalem, ſaying,

10 Thus ſaith Sennacherib king of Aſſyria, Whereon do ye truſt, that ye abide in the ſiege in Jeruſalem?

11 Doth not Hezekiah perſuade you to give over yourſelves to die by famine and by thirſt, ſaying, The Lord our God ſhall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Aſſyria?

12 Hath not the ſame Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jeruſalem, ſaying, Ye ſhall worſhip before one altar, and burn incenſe upon it?

13 Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of other lands? were the gods of the nations of thoſe lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of mine hand?

14 Who was there among all the gods of thoſe nations, that my fathers utterly deſtroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God ſhould be able to deliver you out of mine hand?

15 Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor perſuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much leſs ſhall your God deliver you out of mine hand?

16 And his ſervants ſpake yet more againſt the Lord God, and againſt his ſervant Hezekiah.

17 He wrote alſo letters to rail on the Lord God of Iſrael, and to ſpeak againſt him, ſaying, As the gods of the nations of other lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, ſo ſhall not the God of

Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand.

18 Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' ſpeech unto the people of Jeruſalem that were on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city.

19 And they ſpake againſt the God of Jeruſalem as againſt the gods of the people of the earth, which were the work of the hands of man.

20 And for this cauſe Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Iſaiah the ſon of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.

21 ¶ And the Lord ſent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Aſſyria. So he returned with ſhame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the houſe of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels ſlew him there with the ſword.

22 Thus the Lord ſaved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Aſſyria, and from the hand of all other, and guided them on every ſide.

23 And many brought gifts unto the Lord to Jeruſalem, and preſents to Hezekiah king of Judah: ſo that he was magnified in the ſight of all nations from thenceforth.

24 ¶ In thoſe days Hezekiah was ſick to the death, and prayed unto the Lord: and he ſpake unto him: and he gave him a ſign.

25 But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jeruſalem.

26 Notwithſtanding, Hezekiah humbled himſelf for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, ſo that the wrath of the Lord came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

27 And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himſelf treaſuries for ſilver, and for gold, and for precious ſtones, and for ſpices, and for ſhields, and for all manner of pleaſant jewels;

28 Store-houſes alſo for the increaſe of corn, and wine, and oil; and ſtalls for all manner of beaſts, and cotes for flocks.

29 Moreover, he provided him cities, and poſſeſſions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him ſubſtance very much.

30 This ſame Hezekiah alſo ſtopped the upper water-courſe of Gihon, and brought it ſtraight down to the weſt ſide of the city of David. And Hezekiah proſpered in all his works.

31 Howbeit, in the buſineſs of the ambaſſadors of the princes of Babylon, who ſent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

32 ¶ Now the reſt of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodneſs, behold, they are written in the viſion of Iſaiah the prophet the ſon of Amoz, and in the book of the kings of Judah and Iſrael.

33 And Hezekiah ſlept with his fathers, and they buried him in the chief-

eſt of the ſepulchres of the ſons of David. And all Judah and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem did him honour at his death. And Manaſſeh his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XXXIII.

Manaſſeh's wicked reign.

MANASSEH was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jeruſalem:

2 But did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord, like unto the abominations of the heathen whom the Lord had caſt out before the children of Iſrael;

3 For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worſhipped all the hoſt of heaven, and ſerved them.

4 Alſo he built altars in the houſe of the Lord, whereof the Lord had ſaid, In Jeruſalem ſhall my name be for ever.

5 And he built altars for all the hoſt of heaven in the two courts of the houſe of the Lord.

6 And he cauſed his children to paſs through the fire in the valley of the ſon of Hinnom: alſo he obſerved times, and uſed inchantments, and uſed witchcraft, and dealt with a familar ſpirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the ſight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger.

7 And he ſet a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the houſe of God, of which God had ſaid to David, and to Solomon his ſon, In this houſe, and in Jeruſalem, which I have choſen before all the tribes of Iſrael, will I put my name for ever.

8 Neither will I any more remove the foot of Iſrael from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; ſo that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law, and the ſtatutes, and the ordinances, by the hand of Moſes.

9 So Manaſſeh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem to err, and to do worſe than the heathen whom the Lord had deſtroyed before the children of Iſrael.

10 And the Lord ſpake to Manaſſeh, and to his people: but they would not hearken.

11 ¶ Wherefore the Lord brought upon them the captains of the hoſt of the king of Aſſyria, which took Manaſſeh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

12 ¶ And when he was in affliction, he beſought the Lord his God, and humbled himſelf greatly before the God of his fathers,

13 And prayed unto him: and he was entreated of him, and heard his ſupplication, and brought him again to Jeruſalem into his kingdom. Then Manaſſeh knew that the Lord he was God.

14 Now after this, he built a wall without the city of David, on the weſt ſide of Gihon, in the valley, even to

Knew that the Lord he was God, ver, 13.] Was convinced by his own experience of God's power, juſtice, and goodneſs.

the entering-in at the fiſh-gate, and compaſſed about Ophel, and raiſed it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.

15 And he took away the ſtrange gods, and the idol out of the houſe of the Lord, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the houſe of the Lord, and in Jeruſalem, and caſt them out of the city.

16 And he repaired the altar of the Lord, and ſacrificed thereon peace-offerings, and thank-offerings, and commanded Judah to ſerve the Lord God of Iſrael.

17 Nevertheleſs, the people did ſacrifice ſtill in the high places, yet unto the Lord their God only.

18 Now the reſt of the acts of Manaſſeh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the ſeers that ſpake to him in the name of the Lord God of Iſrael, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Iſrael.

19 His prayer alſo, and how God was entreated of him, and all his ſins, and his treſpaſs, and the places wherein he built high places, and ſet up groves and graven images before he was humbled; behold, they are written among the ſayings of the ſeers.

20 ¶ So Manaſſeh ſlept with his fathers; and they buried him in his own houſe. And Amon his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

21 ¶ Amon was two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jeruſalem.

22 But he did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord, as did Manaſſeh his father; for Amon ſacrificed unto all the carved images which Manaſſeh his father had made, and ſerved them;

23 And humbled not himſelf before the Lord, as Manaſſeh his father had humbled himſelf; but Amon treſpaſſed more and more.

24 And his ſervants conſpired againſt him, and ſlew him in his own houſe.

25 ¶ But the people of the land ſlew all them that had conſpired againſt king Amon; and the people of the land made Joſiah his ſon king in his ſtead.

CHAP. XXXIV.

Joſiah's good reign, &c.

JOSIAH was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jeruſalem one and thirty years.

2 And he did that which was right in the ſight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand nor to the left.

3 ¶ For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to ſeek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jeruſalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.

4 And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his preſence; and the images that were on high above them he cut down: and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made duſt of

Began to purge Judah, ver. 3.] To make it appear, by the reformation which he wrought, that he was religious in good earneſt.

them, and ſtrowed it upon the graves of them that had ſacrificed unto them.

5 And he burned the bones of the prieſts upon their altars, and cleanſed Judah and Jeruſalem.

6 And ſo did he in the cities of Manaſſeh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with their mattocks, round about.

7 And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Iſrael, he returned to Jeruſalem.

8 ¶ Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the houſe, he ſent Shaphan the ſon of Azaliah, and Maaſeiah the governor of the city, and Joah the ſon of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the houſe of the Lord his God.

9 And when they came to Hilkiah the high prieſt, they delivered the money that was brought into the houſe of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manaſſeh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Iſrael, and of all Judah, and Benjamin, and they returned to Jeruſalem.

10 And they put it in the hand of the workmen that had the overſight of the houſe of the Lord; and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the houſe of the Lord, to repair and amend the houſe:

11 Even to the artificers and builders gave they it, to buy hewn ſtone, and timber for couplings, and to floor the houſes which the kings of Judah had deſtroyed.

12 And the men did the work faithfully; and the overſeers of them were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the ſons of Merari; and Zechariah, and Meſhullam, of the ſons of the Kohathites, to ſet it forward; and other of the Levites, all that could ſkill of inſtruments of muſick.

13 Alſo they were over the bearers of burdens, and were overſeers of all that wrought the work in any manner of ſervice: and of the Levites there were ſcribes, and officers, and porters.

14 And when they brought out the money that was brought into the houſe of the Lord, Hilkiah the prieſt found the book of the law of the Lord, given by Moſes.

15 And Hilkiah anſwered and ſaid to Shaphan the ſcribe, I have found the book of the law in the houſe of the Lord. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan.

16 And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, ſaying, All that was committed to thy ſervants, they do it.

17 And they have gathered together the money that was found in the houſe of the Lord, and have delivered it into the hand of the overſeers, and to the hand of the workmen.

18 Then Shaphan the ſcribe told the king, ſaying, Hilkiah the prieſt hath given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

19 And it came to paſs when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes.

20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the ſon of Shaphan, and Abdon the ſon of Micah, and Shaphan the ſcribe, and Aſaiah a ſervant of the king's, ſaying,

21 Go, enquire of the Lord for me, and for them that are left in Iſrael and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the Lord that is poured out upon us, becauſe our fathers have not kept the word of the Lord, to do after all that is written in this book.

22 And Hilkiah, and they that the king had appointed, went to Huldah the propheteſs, the wife of Shallum the ſon of Tikvath, the ſon of Haſrah, keeper of the wardrobe. Now ſhe dwelt in Jeruſalem in the college. And they ſpake to her to that effect.

23 And ſhe anſwered them, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſrael, Tell ye the man that ſent you to me,

24 Thus ſaith the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the curſes that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah:

25 Becauſe they have forſaken me, and have burned incenſe unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath ſhall be poured out upon this place, and ſhall not be quenched.

26 And as for the king of Judah, who ſent you to enquire of the Lord, ſo ſhall ye ſay unto him, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Iſrael concerning the words which thou haſt heard;

27 Becauſe thine heart was tender, and thou didſt humble thyſelf before God, when thou heardeſt his words againſt this place, and againſt the inhabitants thereof, and humbledſt thyſelf before me, and didſt rend thy clothes, and weep before me, I have even heard thee alſo, ſaith the Lord.

28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou ſhalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither ſhall thine eyes ſee all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the ſame. So they brought the king word again.

29 ¶ Then the king ſent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jeruſalem:

30 And the king went up into the houſe of the Lord, and all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, and the prieſts and the Levites, and all the people, great and ſmall: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the houſe of the Lord.

31 And the king ſtood in his place, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments, and his teſtimonies, and his ſtatutes, with all his heart and with all his ſoul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.

32 And he cauſed all that were preſent in Jeruſalem and Benjamin to

ſtand to it. And the inhabitants of Jeruſalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

33 And Joſiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Iſrael, and made all that were preſent in Iſrael to ſerve, even to ſerve the Lord their God. And all his days they departed not from following the Lord, the God of their fathers.

CHAP. XXXV.

Joſiah keepeth a ſolemn paſſover.

MOREOVER, Joſiah kept a paſſover unto the Lord in Jeruſalem: and they killed the paſſover on the fourteenth day of the firſt month.

2 And he ſet the prieſts in their charges, and encouraged them to the ſervice of the houſe of the Lord;

3 And ſaid unto the Levites that taught all Iſrael, which were holy unto the Lord, Put the holy ark in the houſe which Solomon the ſon of David king of Iſrael did build; it ſhall not be a burden upon your ſhoulders: ſerve now the Lord your God, and his people Iſrael.

4 And prepare yourſelves by the houſes of your fathers, after your courſes, according to the writing of David king of Iſrael, and according to the writing of Solomon his ſon.

5 And ſtand in the holy place according to the diviſions of the families of the fathers of your brethren the people, and after the diviſion of the families of the Levites.

6 So kill the paſſover, and ſanctify yourſelves, and prepare your brethren, that they may do according to the word of the Lord by the hand of Moſes.

7 And Joſiah gave to the people of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the paſſover-offerings, for all that were preſent, to the number of thirty thouſand; and three thouſand bullocks; theſe were of the king's ſubſtance.

8 And his princes gave willingly unto the people, to the prieſts, and to the Levites: Hilkiah, and Zechariah, and Jehiel, rulers of the houſe of God, gave unto the prieſts for the paſſover-offerings two thouſand and ſix hundred ſmall cattle, and three hundred oxen.

9 Conaniah alſo, and Shemaiah, and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Haſhabiah, and Jeiel, and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave unto the Levites for paſſover-offerings five thouſand ſmall cattle, and five hundred oxen.

10 So the ſervice was prepared, and the prieſts ſtood in their place, and the Levites in their courſes, according to the king's commandment.

11 And they killed the paſſover, and the prieſts ſprinkled the blood from their hands, and the Levites flayed them.

12 And they removed the burnt-offerings, that they might give according to the diviſions of the families of the people, to offer unto the Lord, as it is written in the book of Moſes. And ſo did they with the oxen.

Serve now the Lord, &c. ver. 3.] Be more diligent in the other parts of your ſervice, ſince you are diſcharged from that.

13 And they roaſted the paſſover with fire, according to the ordinance: but the other holy offerings ſod they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and divided them ſpeedily among all the people.

14 And afterward they made ready for themſelves and for the prieſts: becauſe the prieſts the ſons of Aaron were buſied in offering of burnt-offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themſelves and for the prieſts the ſons of Aaron.

15 And the ſingers, the ſons of Aſaph, were in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Aſaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's ſeer; and the porters waited at every gate; they might not depart from their ſervice; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.

16 So all the ſervice of the Lord was prepared the ſame day, to keep the paſſover, and to offer burnt-offerings upon the altar of the Lord, according to the commandment of king Joſiah.

17 And the children of Iſrael that were preſent kept the paſſover at that time, and the feaſt of unleavened bread ſeven days.

18 And there was no paſſover like to that kept in Iſrael, from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Iſrael keep ſuch a paſſover as Joſiah kept, and the prieſts, and the Levites, and all Judah and Iſrael that were preſent, and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem.

19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Joſiah was this paſſover kept.

20 ¶ After all this, when Joſiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight againſt Charchemiſh by Euphrates: and Joſiah went out againſt him.

21 But he ſent ambaſſadors to him, ſaying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? I come not againſt thee this day, but againſt the houſe wherewith I have war; for God commanded me to make haſte: forbear thee from meddling with God, who is with me, that he deſtroy thee not.

22 Nevertheleſs, Joſiah would not turn his face from him, but diſguiſed himſelf that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho, from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.

23 And the archers ſhot at king Joſiah: and the king ſaid to his ſervants, Have me away; for I am ſore wounded.

24 His ſervants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the ſecond chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jeruſalem, and he died, and was buried in one of the ſepulchres of his fathers. And all Judah and Jeruſalem mourned for Joſiah.

25 ¶ And Jeremiah lamented for Joſiah: and all the ſinging-men, and the ſinging-women, ſpake of Joſiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in Iſrael: and behold, they are written in the lamentations.

Had prepared the temple, ver. 20.] And ſo might hope that God was pacified, and the foundation of laſting happineſs laid; then on a ſudden their hopes were blaſted: ſo much are men miſtaken about the deſigns of God's counſel and providence.

26 Now the reſt of the acts of Joſiah, and his goodneſs, according to that which was written in the law of the Lord,

27 And his deeds, firſt and laſt, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Iſrael and Judah.

CHAP. XXXVI.

Jehoahaz is depoſed by Pharaoh, &c.

THEN the people of the land took Jehoahaz the ſon of Joſiah, and made him king in his father's ſtead in Jeruſalem.

2 Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jeruſalem.

3 And the king of Egypt put him down at Jeruſalem, and condemned the land in an hundred talents of ſilver, and a talent of gold.

4 And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jeruſalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

5 ¶ Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jeruſalem: and he did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord his God.

6 Againſt him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters to carry him to Babylon.

7 Nebuchadnezzar alſo carried of the veſſels of the houſe of the Lord to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

8 Now the reſt of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Iſrael and Judah. And Jehoiachin his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

9 ¶ Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jeruſalem; and he did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord.

10 And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar ſent and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly veſſels of the houſe of the Lord, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jeruſalem.

11 ¶ Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jeruſalem.

12 And he did that which was evil in the ſight of the Lord his God, and humbled not himſelf before Jeremiah the prophet, ſpeaking from the mouth of the Lord.

13 And he alſo rebelled againſt king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him ſwear by God: but he ſtiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the Lord God of Iſrael.

14 Moreover, all the chief of the prieſts and the people tranſgreſſed very much, after all the abominations of the heathen: and polluted the houſe of the Lord which he had hallowed in Jeruſalem.

15 And the Lord God of their fathers ſent to them by his meſſengers,

Found in him, ver. 8.] His rebellion againſt the king of Babylon, which, though concealed for a time, was afterwards diſcovered.

riſing up betimes, and ſending; becauſe he had compaſſion on his people, and on his dwelling-place:

16 But they mocked the meſſengers of God, and deſpiſed his words, and miſuſed his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord aroſe againſt his people, till there was no remedy.

17 Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who ſlew their young men with the ſword in the houſe of their ſanctuary, and had no compaſſion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that ſtooped for age: he gave them all into his hand.

18 And all the veſſels of the houſe of God, great and ſmall, and the treaſures of the houſe of the Lord, and the treaſures of the king, and of his princes: all theſe he brought to Babylon.

19 And they burned the houſe of God, and brake down the wall of Jeruſalem, and burned all the palaces thereof with fire, and deſtroyed all the goodly veſſels thereof.

20 And them that had eſcaped from the ſword carried he away to Babylon: where they were ſervants to him and his ſons, until the reign of the kingdom of Perſia:

21 To fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her ſabbaths: for as long as ſhe lay deſolate, ſhe kept ſabbath, to fulfil threeſcore and ten years.

22 ¶ Now in the firſt year of Cyrus king of Perſia, that the word of the Lord ſpoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accompliſhed, the Lord ſtirred up the ſpirit of Cyrus king of Perſia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it alſo in writing, ſaying,

23 Thus ſaith Cyrus king of Perſia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the Lord God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an houſe in Jeruſalem which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? the Lord his God be with him, and let him go up.

EZRA.

CHAP. I.

The proclamation of Cyrus for the building of the temple, &c.

NOW in the firſt year of Cyrus king of Perſia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord ſtirred up the ſpirit of Cyrus king of Perſia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it alſo in writing, ſaying,

2 Thus ſaith Cyrus king of Perſia, The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him

Charged me to build, &c. ver. 2.] By ſome prophet, perhaps Daniel; or by ſome inward ſuggeſtion to his mind.

an houſe at Jeruſalem which is in Judah.

3 Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jeruſalem which is in Judah, and build the houſe of the Lord God of Iſrael (he is the God) which is in Jeruſalem.

4 And whoſoever remaineth in any place where he ſojourneth, let the men of his place help him with ſilver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beaſts, beſide the free-will-offering for the houſe of God that is in Jeruſalem.

5 ¶ Then roſe up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the prieſts and the Levites, with all them whoſe ſpirit God had raiſed to go up, to build the houſe of the Lord, which is in Jeruſalem.

6 And all they that were about them ſtrengthened their hands with veſſels of ſilver, with gold, with goods, and with beaſts, and with precious things, beſide all that was willingly offered:

7 ¶ Alſo Cyrus the king brought forth the veſſels of the houſe of the Lord which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jeruſalem, and had put them in the houſe of his gods;

8 Even thoſe did Cyrus king of Perſia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treaſurer, and numbered them unto Sheſhbazzar the prince of Judah.

9 And this is the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thouſand chargers of ſilver, nine and twenty knives,

10 Thirty baſons of gold, ſilver baſons of a ſecond ſort four hundred and ten, and other veſſels a thouſand.

11 All the veſſels of gold and of ſilver were five thouſand and four hundred. All theſe did Sheſhbazzar bring up with them of the captivity that were brought up from Babylon unto Jeruſalem.

CHAP. II.

Who returned from Babylon, &c.

NOW theſe are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of thoſe which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jeruſalem and Judah, every one unto his city;

2 Which came with Zerubbabel: Jeſhuah, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilſhan, Mizpar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Iſrael:

3 The children of Paroſh, two thouſand an hundred ſeventy and two.

4 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred ſeventy and two.

5 The children of Arah, ſeven hundred ſeventy and five.

6 The children of Pahath-moab of the children of Jeſhua and Joab, two thouſand eight hundred and twelve.

7 The children of Elam, a thouſand two hundred fifty and four.

8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five.

9 The children of Zaccai, ſeven hundred and threeſcore.

With all them, &c. ver. 5.] Of other tribes, who, having incorporated themſelves with the Levites, were carried away with them.

10 The children of Bani, ſix hundred forty and two.
11 The children of Bebai, ſix hundred twenty and three.
12 The children of Azgad, a thouſand two hundred twenty and two.
13 The children of Adonikam, ſix hundred ſixty and ſix.
14 The children of Bigvai, two thouſand fifty and ſix.
15 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four.
16 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.
17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three.
18 The children of Jorah an hundred and twelve.
19 The children of Haſhum, two hundred twenty and three.
20 The children of Gibbar, ninety and five.
21 The children of Beth-lehem, an hundred twenty and three.
22 The men of Netophah, fifty and ſix.
23 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.
24 The children of Azmaveth, forty and two.
25 The children of Kirjath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, ſeven hundred and forty and three.
26 The children of Ramah and Gaba, ſix hundred twenty and one.
27 The men of Michmas, an hundred twenty and two.
28 The men of Beth-el and Ai, two hundred twenty and three.
29 The children of Nebo, fifty and two.
30 The children of Magbiſh, an hundred fifty and ſix.
31 The children of the other Elam, a thouſand two hundred fifty and four.
32 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.
33 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, ſeven hundred twenty and five.
34 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.
35 The children of Senaah, three thouſand and ſix hundred and thirty.
36 The prieſts: the children of Jedaiah, of the houſe of Jeſhua, nine hundred ſeventy and three.
37 The children of Immer, a thouſand fifty and two.
38 The children of Paſhur, a thouſand two hundred forty and ſeven.
39 The children of Harim, a thouſand and ſeventeen.
40 The Levites: the children of Jeſhua, and Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, ſeventy and four.
41 The ſingers: the children of Aſaph, an hundred twenty and eight.
42 The children of the porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, in all an hundred thirty and nine.
43 The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Haſupha, the children of Tabbaoth,
44 The children of Keros, the children of Siaha, the children of Padon,
45 The children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub,

46 The children of Hagab, the children of Shalmai, the children of Hanan,

47 The children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah,

48 The children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam,

49 The children of Uzza, the children of Paſeah, the children of Beſai,

50 The children of Aſnah, the children of Mehunim, the children of Nephuſim,

51 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,

52 The children of Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harſha,

53 The children of Barkos, the children of Siſera, the children of Thamah,

54 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

55 The children of Solomon's ſervants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Peruda,

56 The children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

57 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Ami.

58 All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's ſervants, were three hundred ninety and two.

59 And theſe were they which went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harſa, Cherub, Addan, and Immer: but they could not ſhew their father's houſe, and their ſeed, whether they were of Iſrael:

60 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, ſix hundred fifty and two.

61 And of the children of the prieſts: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai: which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name.

62 Theſe ſought their regiſter among thoſe that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the prieſthood.

63 And the Tirſhatha ſaid unto them, that they ſhould not eat of the moſt holy things till there ſtood up a prieſt with Urim and with Thummim.

64 ¶ The whole congregation together was forty and two thouſand three hundred and threeſcore,

65 Beſide their ſervants and their maids, of whom there were ſeven thouſand three hundred thirty and ſeven: and there were among them two hundred ſinging-men and ſinging-women.

66 Their horſes were ſeven hundred thirty and ſix; their mules, two hundred forty and five;

67 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; their aſſes, ſix thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty.

68 ¶ And ſome of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the houſe of the Lord which is at Jeruſalem, offered freely for the houſe of God to ſet it up in his place:

Solomon's ſervants, ver. 55.] Such as had lived in Solomon's family, after his death called themſelves and family by his name, eſteeming it great honour for having lived with ſo great a prince.

69 They gave after their ability unto the treaſure of the work, threeſcore and one thouſand drams of gold, and five thouſand pound of ſilver, and one hundred prieſts' garments.

70 So the prieſts and the Levites, and ſome of the people, and the ſingers, and the porters, and the Nethinims dwelt in their cities, and all Iſrael in their cities.

CHAP. III.

The altar is ſet up, &c.

AND when the ſeventh month was come, and the children of Iſrael were in the cities, the people gathered themſelves together as one man to Jeruſalem.

2 Then ſtood up Jeſhua the ſon of Jozadak, and his brethren the prieſts, and Zerubbabel the ſon of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Iſrael, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moſes the man of God.

3 And they ſet the altar upon his baſes; for fear was upon them becauſe of the people of thoſe countries: and they offered burnt-offerings thereon unto the Lord, even burnt-offerings morning and evening.

4 ¶ They kept alſo the feaſt of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt-offerings by number, according to the cuſtom, as the duty of every day required;

5 And afterward offered the continual burnt-offering, both of the new moons, and of all the ſet feaſts of the Lord, that were conſecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a free-will-offering unto the Lord.

6 From the firſt day of the ſeventh month began they to offer burnt-offerings unto the Lord. But the foundation of the temple of the Lord was not yet laid.

7 They gave money alſo unto the maſons, and to the carpenters: and meat, and drink, and oil unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar-trees from Lebanon to the ſea of Joppa; according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Perſia.

8 ¶ Now in the ſecond year of their coming unto the houſe of God at Jeruſalem, in the ſecond month, began Zerubbabel the ſon of Shealtiel, and Jeſhua the ſon of Jozadak; and the remnant of their brethren the prieſts and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jeruſalem: and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to ſet forward the work of the houſe of the Lord.

9 Then ſtood Jeſhua with his ſons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his ſons, the ſons of Judah together, to ſet forward the workmen in the houſe of God: the ſons of Henadad, with their ſons and their brethren the Levites.

10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, they ſet the prieſts in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the ſons of Aſaph with cymbals, to praiſe the Lord, after the ordinance of David king of Iſrael.

Fear was upon them, ver. 3.] Leſt the people that were brought into the room of the ten tribes ſhould do them miſchief; therefore they built the altar, that by ſacrifices they might render God propitious to them.

11 And they ſang together by courſe, in praiſing and giving thanks unto the Lord; becauſe he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Iſrael. And all the people ſhouted with a great ſhout when they praiſed the Lord, becauſe the foundation of the houſe of the Lord was laid.

12 But many of the prieſts and Levites, and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had ſeen the firſt houſe, when the foundation of this houſe was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many ſhouted aloud for joy:

13 So that the people could not diſcern the noiſe of the ſhout of joy from the noiſe of the weeping of the people: for the people ſhouted with a loud ſhout, and the noiſe was heard afar off.

CHAP. IV.

The building hindered, &c.

NOW when the adverſaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the Lord God of Iſrael;

2 Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and ſaid unto them, Let us build with you: for we ſeek your God, as ye do; and we do ſacrifice unto him, ſince the days of Eſar-haddon king of Aſſur, which brought us up hither.

3 But Zerubbabel, and Jeſhua, and the reſt of the chief of the fathers of Iſrael, ſaid unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build an houſe unto our God; but we ourſelves together will build unto the Lord God of Iſrael, as king Cyrus the king of Perſia hath commanded us.

4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building,

5 And hired counſellors againſt them to fruſtrate their purpoſe, all the days of Cyrus king of Perſia, even until the reign of Darius king of Perſia.

6 And in the reign of Ahaſuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they unto him an accuſation againſt the inhabitants of Judah and Jeruſalem.

7 ¶ And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote Biſhlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the reſt of their companions unto Artaxerxes king of Perſia; and the writing of the letter was written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue.

8 Rehum the chancellor, and Shimſhai the ſcribe, wrote a letter againſt Jeruſalem to Artaxerxes the king, in this ſort:

9 Then wrote Rehum the chancellor, and Shimſhai the ſcribe, and the reſt of their companions; the Dinaites, the Apharſathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharſites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Suſanchites, the Dehavites, and the Elamites,

10 And the reſt of the nations whom the great and noble Aſnapper brought over, and ſet in the cities of Samaria, and the reſt that are on this ſide the river, and at ſuch a time.

11 This is the copy of the letter that they ſent unto him, even unto Arta-

Let us build with you, ver. 2.] That being mingled with them in the work, they might find the better opportunity to hinder it.

xerxes the king; Thy ſervants the men on this ſide the river, and at ſuch a time.

12 Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us are come unto Jeruſalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have ſet up the walls thereof, and joined the foundations.

13 Be it known now unto the king, that if this city be builded, and the walls ſet up again, then will they not pay toll, tribute, and cuſtom, and ſo thou ſhalt endamage the revenue of the kings.

14 Now becauſe we have maintenance from the king's palace, and it was not meet for us to ſee the king's diſhonour; therefore have we ſent and certified the king:

15 That ſearch may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: ſo ſhalt thou find in the book of the records, and know, that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved ſedition within the ſame of old time: for which cauſe was this city deſtroyed.

16 We certify the king, that if this city be builded again, and the walls thereof ſet up, by this means thou ſhalt have no portion on this ſide the river.

17 ¶ Then ſent the king an anſwer unto Rehum the chancellor, and to Shimſhai the ſcribe, and to the reſt of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and unto the reſt beyond the river, Peace, and at ſuch a time.

18 The letter which ye ſent unto us hath been plainly read before me.

19 And I commanded, and ſearch hath been made, and it is found, that this city of old time hath made inſurrection againſt kings, and that rebellion and ſedition have been made therein.

20 There have been mighty kings alſo over Jeruſalem, which have ruled over all countries beyond the river; and toll, tribute, and cuſtom, was paid unto them.

21 Give ye now commandment to cauſe theſe men to ceaſe, and that this city be not builded, until another commandment ſhall be given from me.

22 Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why ſhould damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

23 Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimſhai the ſcribe, and their companions, they went up in haſte to Jeruſalem unto the Jews, and made them to ceaſe by force and power.

24 Then ceaſed the work of the houſe of God which is at Jeruſalem. So it ceaſed unto the ſecond year of the reign of Darius king of Perſia.

CHAP. V.

Zerubbabel and Jeſhua ſet forward the building.

THEN the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the ſon of Iddo, prophecied unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jeruſalem in the name of the God of Iſrael, even unto them.

2 Then roſe up Zerubbabel the ſon of Shealtiel, and Jeſhua the ſon of Jo-

In the name of God, ver. 1.] Commanding them from God to return to the work of building the temple, with a promiſe of his favour and aſſiſtance therein.

zadak, and began to build the houſe of God which is at Jeruſalem: and with them were the prophets of God helping them.

3 At the ſame time came to them Tatnai governor on this ſide the river, and Shethar-boznai, and their companions, and ſaid thus unto them, Who hath commanded you to build this houſe, and to make up this wall?

4 Then ſaid we unto them after this manner, What are the names of the men that make this building?

5 But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews that they could not cauſe them to ceaſe, till the matter came to Darius: and then they returned anſwer by letter concerning this matter.

6 The copy of the letter that Tatnai governor on this ſide the river, and Shethar-boznai, and his companions the Apharſachites, which were on this ſide the river, ſent unto Darius the king:

7 They ſent a letter unto him wherein was written thus; Unto Darius the king, all peace.

8 Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the houſe of the great God, which is builded with great ſtones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth faſt on, and proſpereth in their hands.

9 Then aſked we thoſe elders, and ſaid unto them thus, Who commanded you to build this houſe, and to make up theſe walls?

10 We aſked their names alſo, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that were the chief of them.

11 And thus they returned us anſwer, ſaying, We are the ſervants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the houſe that was builded theſe many years ago; which a great king of Iſrael builded and ſet up.

12 But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who deſtroyed this houſe, and carried the people away into Babylon.

13 But in the firſt year of Cyrus the king of Babylon, the ſame king Cyrus made a decree to build this houſe of God.

14 And the veſſels alſo of gold and ſilver of the houſe of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jeruſalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, thoſe did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto one whoſe name was Sheſhbazzar, whom he had made governor;

15 And ſaid unto him, Take theſe veſſels, go, carry them into the temple that is in Jeruſalem, and let the houſe of God be builded in his place.

16 Then came the ſame Sheſhbazzar, and laid the foundation of the houſe of God which is in Jeruſalem. And ſince that time even until now hath it been in building, and yet it is not finiſhed.

17 Now therefore, if it ſeem good to the king, let there be ſearch made in the king's treaſure-houſe which is

there at Babylon, whether it be ſo that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this houſe of God, at Jeruſalem, and let the king ſend his pleaſure to us concerning this matter.

CHAP. VI.

Darius advanceth the building, &c.

THEN Darius the king made a decree, and ſearch was made in the houſe of the rolls, where the treaſures were laid up in Babylon.

2 And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein was a record thus written:

3 In the firſt year of Cyrus the king, the ſame Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the houſe of God at Jeruſalem, Let the houſe be builded, the place where they offered ſacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be ſtrongly laid: the height thereof threeſcore cubits, and the breadth thereof threeſcore cubits:

4 With three rows of great ſtones, and a row of new timber: and let the expenſes be given out of the king's houſe.

5 And alſo let the golden and ſilver veſſels of the houſe of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jeruſalem, and brought unto Babylon, be reſtored, and brought again unto the temple which is at Jeruſalem, every one to his place, and place them in the houſe of God.

6 Now therefore, Tatnai governor beyond the river, Shethar-boznai, and your companions the Apharſachites, which are beyond the river, be ye far from thence.

7 Let the work of this houſe of God alone: let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this houſe of God in his place.

8 Moreover, I make a decree what ye ſhall do to the elders of theſe Jews, for the building of this houſe of God; that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the river, forthwith expenſes be given unto theſe men, that they be not hindered.

9 And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt-offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, ſalt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the prieſts which are at Jeruſalem, let it be given them day by day without fail:

10 That they may offer ſacrifices of ſweet ſavours unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his ſons.

11 Alſo I have made a decree, that whoſoever ſhall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his houſe, and, being ſet up, let him be hanged thereon: and let his houſe be made a dunghill for this.

12 And the God that hath cauſed his name to dwell there, deſtroy all kings and people that ſhall put to their hand to alter and to deſtroy this houſe of God which is at Jeruſalem. I, Darius, have made a decree, let it be done with ſpeed.

13 ¶ Then Tatnai governor on this ſide the river, Shethar-boznai, and their

companions, according to that which Darius the king had ſent, ſo they did ſpeedily.

14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they proſpered through the prophecying of Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the ſon of Iddo. And they builded, and finiſhed it, according to the commandment of the God of Iſrael, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Perſia.

15 And this houſe was finiſhed on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the ſixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

16 ¶ And the children of Iſrael, the prieſts and the Levites, and the reſt of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this houſe of God with joy,

17 And offered at the dedication of this houſe of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a ſin-offering for all Iſrael, twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Iſrael.

18 And they ſet their prieſts in their diviſions, and the Levites in their courſes, for the ſervice of God which is at Jeruſalem; as it is written in the book of Moſes.

19 ¶ And the children of the captivity kept the paſſover upon the fourteenth day of the firſt month.

20 For the prieſts and the Levites were purified together, all of them were pure, and killed the paſſover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the prieſts, and for themſelves.

21 And the children of Iſrael which were come again out of captivity, and all ſuch as had ſeparated themſelves unto them from the filthineſs of the heathen of the land, to ſeek the Lord God of Iſrael, did eat,

22 And kept the feaſt of unleavened bread ſeven days with joy: for the Lord had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Aſſyria unto them to ſtrengthen their hands in the work of the houſe of God, the God of Iſrael.

CHAP. VII.

Ezra goeth up to Jeruſalem, &c.

NOW after theſe things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Perſia, Ezra the ſon of Seraiah, the ſon of Azariah, the ſon of Hilkiah,

2 The ſon of Shallum, the ſon of Zadok, the ſon of Ahitub,

3 The ſon of Amariah, the ſon of Azariah, the ſon of Meraioth,

4 The ſon of Zerahiah, the ſon of Uzzi, the ſon of Bukki,

5 The ſon of Abiſhua, the ſon of Phinehas, the ſon of Eleazar, the ſon of Aaron the chief prieſt:

6 This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready ſcribe in the law of Moſes, which the Lord God of Iſrael had given: and the king granted him all his requeſt, according to the hand of the Lord his God upon him.

7 And there went up ſome of the children of Iſrael, and of the prieſts, and the Levites, and the ſingers, and

Made them joyful, ver. 22.] Given them matter of great joy, and quickened their ſpirits to rejoice therein.

the porters, and the Nethinims, unto Jeruſalem, in the ſeventh year of Artaxerxes the king.

8 And he came to Jeruſalem in the fifth month, which was in the ſeventh year of the king.

9 For upon the firſt day of the firſt month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the firſt day of the fifth month came he to Jeruſalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to ſeek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Iſrael ſtatutes and judgements.

11 ¶ Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the prieſt, the ſcribe, even a ſcribe of the words of the commandments of the Lord, and of his ſtatutes to Iſrael.

12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the prieſt, a ſcribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at ſuch a time.

13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Iſrael, and of his prieſts and Levites in my realm, which are minded of their own free-will to go up to Jeruſalem, go with thee.

14 Foraſmuch as thou art ſent of the king, and of his ſeven counſellors, to enquire concerning Judah and Jeruſalem, according to the law of thy God, which is in thine hand;

15 And to carry the ſilver and gold which the king and his counſellors have freely offered unto the God of Iſrael, whoſe habitation is in Jeruſalem,

16 And all the ſilver and gold that thou canſt find in all the province of Babylon, with the free-will offering of the people, and of the prieſts, offering willingly for the houſe of their God which is in Jeruſalem:

17 That thou mayeſt buy ſpeedily with this money, bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat-offerings, and their drink-offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the houſe of your God which is in Jeruſalem.

18 And whatſoever ſhall ſeem good to thee and to thy brethren to do with the reſt of the ſilver and the gold, that do after the will of your God.

19 The veſſels alſo that are given thee for the ſervice of the houſe of thy God, thoſe deliver thou before the God of Jeruſalem.

20 And whatſoever more ſhall be needful for the houſe of thy God, which thou ſhalt have occaſion to beſtow, beſtow it out of the king's treaſure-houſe.

21 And I, even I, Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treaſurers which are beyond the river, that whatſoever Ezra the prieſt, the ſcribe of the law of the God of heaven, ſhall require of you, it be done ſpeedily;

22 Unto an hundred talents of ſilver, and to an hundred meaſures of wheat, and to an hundred baths of wine, and to an hundred baths of oil, and ſalt without preſcribing how much.

23 Whatſoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the houſe of the God of hea-

Prepared his heart, ver. 10.] Set his mind and affections upon it, and made it his buſineſs to find out the true ſenſe and meaning of it, and thereby know what ſins to reform, and what duties to perform.

ven: for why ſhould there be wrath againſt the realm of the king and his ſons?

24 Alſo we certify you, that touching any of the prieſts and Levites, ſingers, porters, Nethinims, or miniſters of this houſe of God, it ſhall not be lawful to impoſe toll, tribute, or cuſtom upon them.

25 And thou, Ezra, after the wiſdom of thy God that is in thine hand, ſet magiſtrates and judges which may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all ſuch as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye them that know them not.

26 And whoſoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgement be executed ſpeedily upon him, whether it be unto death, or to baniſhment, or to confiſcation of goods, or to impriſonment.

27 ¶ Bleſſed be the Lord God of our fathers, which hath put ſuch a thing as this in the king's heart to beautify the houſe of the Lord which is in Jeruſalem:

28 And hath extended mercy unto me before the king and his counſellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was ſtrengthened as the hand of the Lord my God was upon me, and I gathered together out of Iſrael chief men to go up with me.

CHAP. VIII.

Ezra's companions from Babylon, &c.

THESE are now the chief of their fathers, and this is the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king.

2 Of the ſons of Phinehas; Gerſhom: of the ſons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the ſons of David; Hattuſh.

3 Of the ſons of Shechaniah, of the ſons of Pharoſh; Zechariah: and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males an hundred and fifty.

4 Of the ſons of Pahath-moab; Elihoenai the ſon of Zerahiah, and with him two hundred males.

5 Of the ſons of Shechaniah; the ſon of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males.

6 ¶ Of the ſons alſo of Adin; Ebed the ſon of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.

7 And of the ſons of Elam; Jeſhaiah the ſon of Athaliah, and with him ſeventy males.

8 And of the ſons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah, the ſon of Michael, and with him fourſcore males.

9 Of the ſons of Joab; Obadiah the ſon of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.

10 And of the ſons of Shelomith: the ſon of Joſiphiah, and with him an hundred and threeſcore males.

11 And of the ſons of Bebai; Zechariah the ſon of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight males.

12 And of the ſons of Azgad; Johanan the ſon of Hakkatan, and with him an hundred and ten males.

13 And of the laſt ſons of Adonikam, whoſe names are theſe, Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them threeſcore males.

That is in thine hand, ver. 25.] Which God has put in thine heart, and appears in the work of thine hand.

14 Of the ſons alſo of Bigvai; Uthai, and Zabbud, and with them ſeventy males.

15 ¶ And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there abode we in tents three days: and I viewed the people, and the prieſts, and found there none of the ſons of Levi.

16 Then ſent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meſhullam, chief men; alſo for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, men of underſtanding.

17 And I ſent them with commandment unto Iddo the chief at the place Caſiphia, and told them what they ſhould ſay unto Iddo, and to his brethren the Nethinims, at the place Caſiphia, that they ſhould bring unto us miniſters for the houſe of our God.

18 And by the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of underſtanding of the ſons of Mahli, the ſon of Levi, the ſon of Iſrael, and Sherebiah, with his ſons and his brethren eighteen;

19 And Haſhabiah, and with him Jeſhaiah of the ſons of Merari, his brethren, and their ſons, twenty;

20 Alſo of the Nethinims whom David and the princes had appointed for the ſervice of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinims: all of them were expreſſed by name.

21 ¶ Then I proclaimed a faſt there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourſelves before our God, to ſeek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our ſubſtance.

22 For I was aſhamed to require of the king a band of ſoldiers and horſemen to help us againſt the enemy in the way: becauſe we had ſpoken unto the king, ſaying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that ſeek him, but his power and his wrath is againſt all them that forſake him.

23 So we faſted and beſought our God for this: and he was intreated of us.

24 Then I ſeparated twelve of the chief of the prieſts, Sherebiah, Haſhabiah, and ten of their brethren with them,

25 And weighed unto them the ſilver, and the gold, and the veſſels, even the offering of the houſe of our God, which the king, and his counſellors, and his lords, and all Iſrael there preſent had offered:

26 I even weighed unto their hand ſix hundred and fifty talents of ſilver, and ſilver veſſels an hundred talents, and of gold an hundred talents;

27 Alſo twenty baſons of gold of a thouſand drams; and two veſſels of fine copper, precious as gold.

28 And I ſaid unto them, Ye are holy unto the Lord; the veſſels are holy alſo; and the ſilver and the gold are a free-will-offering unto the Lord God of your fathers.

29 Watch ye, and keep them, until ye weigh them before the chief of the prieſts and the Levites, and chief of the fathers of Iſrael at Jeruſalem, in

A right way for us, ver. 21.] Direction how to govern ourſelves in our preſent circumſtances, and what courſe to take that ſhall be moſt for our advantage.

the chambers of the houſe of the Lord.

30 So took the prieſts and the Levites the weight of the ſilver, and the gold, and the veſſels, to bring them to Jeruſalem unto the houſe of our God.

31 Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth day of the firſt month, to go unto Jeruſalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of ſuch as lay in wait by the way.

32 And we came to Jeruſalem, and abode there three days.

33 Now on the fourth day was the ſilver, and the gold, and the veſſels weighed in the houſe of our God by the hand of Meremoth the ſon of Uriah the prieſt, and with him was Eleazar the ſon of Phinehas; and with them was Jozabad the ſon of Jeſhua, and Noadiah the ſon of Binnui, Levites;

34 By number and by weight of every one. And all the weight was written at that time.

35 Alſo the children of thoſe that had been carried away, which were come out of the captivity, offered burnt-offerings unto the God of Iſrael, twelve bullocks for all Iſrael, ninety and ſix rams, ſeventy and ſeven lambs, twelve he-goats for a ſin-offering: all this was a burnt-offering unto the Lord.

36 And they delivered the king's commiſſions unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors on this ſide the river: and they furthered the people, and the houſe of God.

CHAP. IX.

Ezra mourneth for the affinity of the people with ſtrangers, &c.

NOW when theſe things were done, the princes came to me, ſaying, The people of Iſrael, and the prieſts, and the Levites, have not ſeparated themſelves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebuſites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

2 For they have taken of their daughters for themſelves, and for their ſons; ſo that the holy ſeed have mingled themſelves with the people of thoſe lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this treſpaſs.

3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head, and of my beard, and ſat down aſtonied.

4 Then were aſſembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Iſrael, becauſe of the tranſgreſſion of thoſe that had been carried away; and I ſat aſtonied until the even ſacrifice.

5 ¶ And at the evening ſacrifice I aroſe up from my heavineſs; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and ſpread out my hands unto the Lord my God,

6 And ſaid, O my God, I am aſhamed, and bluſh to lift up my face to thee,

Plucked off the hair, ver. 3.] Cutting the hair was uſed upon an occaſion of great ſorrow; and ſo here, in tearing it.

my God: for our iniquities are increaſed over our head, and our treſpaſs is grown up unto the heavens.

7 Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great treſpaſs unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our prieſts, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the ſword, to captivity, and to a ſpoil, and to confuſion of face, as it is this day.

8 And now for a little ſpace grace hath been ſhewed from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to eſcape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

9 For we were bondmen, yet our God hath not forſaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the ſight of the kings of Perſia, to give us a reviving, to ſet up the houſe of our God, and to repair the deſolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah, and in Jeruſalem.

10 And now, O our God, what ſhall we ſay after this? for we have forſaken thy commandments,

11 Which thou haſt commanded by thy ſervants the prophets, ſaying, The land unto which ye go to poſſeſs it, is an unclean land with the filthineſs of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanneſs.

12 Now therefore give not your daughters unto their ſons, neither take their daughters unto your ſons, nor ſeek their peace or their wealth for ever: that ye may be ſtrong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever.

13 And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great treſpaſs, ſeeing that thou our God haſt puniſhed us leſs than our iniquities deſerve, and haſt given us ſuch deliverance as this;

14 Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of theſe abominations? wouldeſt not thou be angry with us till thou hadſt conſumed us, ſo that there ſhould be no remnant nor eſcaping?

15 O Lord God of Iſrael, thou art righteous: for we remain yet eſcaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our treſpaſſes: for we cannot ſtand before thee becauſe of this.

CHAP. X.

Shechaniah encourageth Ezra to reform the ſtrange marriages, &c.

NOW when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confeſſed, weeping and caſting himſelf down before the houſe of God, there aſſembled unto him out of Iſrael a very great congregation of men, and women, and children: for the people wept very ſore.

2 And Shechaniah the ſon of Jehiel, one of the ſons of Elam, anſwered and ſaid unto Ezra, We have treſpaſſed againſt our God, and have taken ſtrange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Iſrael concerning this thing. 10 OC 61

That ye may be ſtrong, ver. 12.] Able to defend yourſelves without the help of ſuch unclean people, by depending on God alone.

3 Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God, to put away all the wives, and ſuch as are born of them, according to the counſel of my lord, and of thoſe that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.

4 Ariſe; for this matter belongeth unto thee: we alſo will be with thee: be of good courage, and do it.

5 Then aroſe Ezra, and made the chief prieſts, the Levites, and all Iſrael to ſwear that they ſhould do according to this word. And they ſware.

6 ¶ Then Ezra roſe up from before the houſe of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the ſon of Eliaſhib: and when he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned becauſe of the tranſgreſſion of them that had been carried away.

7 And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jeruſalem, unto all the children of the captivity, that they ſhould gather themſelves together unto Jeruſalem;

8 And that whoſoever would not come within three days, according to the counſel of the princes and the elders, all his ſubſtance ſhould be forfeited, and himſelf ſeparated from the congregation of thoſe that had been carried away.

9 ¶ Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themſelves together unto Jeruſalem within three days. It was the ninth month, and the twentieth day of the month; and all the people ſat in the ſtreet of the houſe of God, trembling becauſe of this matter, and for the great rain.

10 And Ezra the prieſt ſtood up, and ſaid unto them, Ye have tranſgreſſed, and have taken ſtrange wives, to increaſe the treſpaſs of Iſrael.

11 Now therefore make confeſſion unto the Lord God of your fathers, and do his pleaſure: and ſeparate yourſelves fro n the people of the land, and from the ſtrange wives.

12 Then all the congregation anſwered and ſaid with a loud voice, As thou haſt ſaid, ſo muſt we do.

13 But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and we are not able to ſtand without, neither is this a work of one day or two: for we are many that have tranſgreſſed in this thing.

14 Let now our rulers of all the congregation ſtand, and let all them which have taken ſtrange wives in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter be turned from us.

15 Only Jonathan the ſon of Aſahel, and Jahaziah the ſon of Tikvah, were employed about this matter: and Meſhullam, and Shabbethai the Levite helped them.

16 And the children of the captivity did ſo. And Ezra the prieſt, with certain chief of the fathers, after the houſe of their fathers, and all of them by their names, were ſeparated, and ſat down in the firſt day of the tenth month to examine the matter.

17 And they made an end with all the men that had taken ſtrange wives by the firſt day of the firſt month.

18 ¶ And among the ſons of the prieſts there were found that had taken ſtrange wives: namely, of the ſons of Jeſhua the ſon of Jozadak, and his brethren: Maaſeiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah.

19 And they gave their hands, that they would put away their wives; and being guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their treſpaſs.

20 And of the ſons of Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah.

21 And of the ſons of Harim; Maaſeiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziah.

22 And of the ſons of Paſhur: Elioenai, Maaſeiah, Iſhmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elaſah.

23 Alſo of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah (the ſame is Kelita) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24 Of the ſingers alſo; Eliaſhib: and of the porters; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

25 Moreover, of Iſrael: of the ſons of Paroſh; Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.

26 And of the ſons of Elam, Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah,

27 And of the ſons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliaſhib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.

28 Of the ſons alſo of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai.

29 And of the ſons of Bani; Meſhullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jaſhub, and Sheal, and Ramoth.

30 And the ſons of Pahath-moab; Adnah, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaſeiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manaſſeh.

31 And of the ſons of Harim; Eliezer, Iſhijah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah.

33 Of the ſons of Haſhum: Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manaſſeh, and Shimei.

34 Of the ſons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel,

35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh,

36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliaſhib,

37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaaſau,

38 And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei,

39 And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah,

40 Machnadebai, Shaſhai, Sharai,

41 Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,

42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joſeph.

43 Of the ſons of Nebo; Jehiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.

44 All theſe had taken ſtrange wives: and ſome of them had wives by whom they had children.